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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BERTHA!!!": Mrs. Bertha Prior, a resident of Heritage Hall East (464 Main Street, Agawam), is now 100 years-young and recently celebrated her milestone birthday at a party with 60 guests. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Mrs. Prior (right) with her daughter, Beverley Small. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** The "birthday girl" with State Representative Dan Keenan and Heritage Hall Activity Director Helen Manning. (See additional photos in "Families.") Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

'Burn Awareness Week' In Agawam



IN RECOGNITION OF "BURN AWARENESS WEEK" (February 6th-12th) in the Town of Agawam and the Shriners' efforts regarding fire safety, Mayor Richard Cohen presented a proclamation to Illustrious David Skolnick, Past Potentate, Melha Temple. Pictured from left to right: Agawam firefighters Jose Vazquez, B.J. Calvi, Fire Chief David Pisano, Skolnick (the first Shriner from Agawam to be elected Potentate), Mayor Cohen, firefighter Brian Keefe, Fire Inspector Michael Mercadante, and firefighters Steve Castelli and James Lancour. (See "Proclamation" on Page 2.) Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

At Heritage Hall East...

Bertha Prior Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

With sparkling blue eyes and a radiant smile, Mrs. Bertha Prior greeted 60 guests on Sunday, January 23, 2000 for the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Described as a truly delightful lady with a heart that overflows with love and good wishes, the day was celebrated with flowers, love, family, and friends from Agawam and West Springfield.

The day held many surprises for Mrs. Prior. State Representative Dan Keenan visited with the centarian with citations and recognition from not only the citizens of Agawam, but also from the State House of Representatives and the General Court. Newspaper and television reporters also attended the festivities.

Born on January 23, 1900, on Prince Edward Island in Canada, Bertha was the only child of Eliza Jane Jay and Charles Frame Clark. At the age of three years, the Clarks moved to Brookline, MA. There, Bertha married Adelbert Prior in 1923. The Priors moved quite often throughout the eastern half of the United States because of Adelbert's business duties and responsibilities. For many years, Mrs. Prior was a secretary in various offices. Finally, in 1950, they settled in West Springfield-Agawam.

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MRS. PRIOR - from Page 1...

Mrs. Prior now resides at Heritage Hall East, 464 Main Street, Agawam. This resident is so involved in the life of the facility that many of her friends and family have trouble locating her for a visit. Mrs. Prior enjoys musicize, volleyball, bowling, trivia, word games, cardo, bingo, participating in community service, entertainment programs, and crafts. In addition, Mrs. Prior is a voting member of the Heritage Hall East Resident Council.

Mrs. Prior is the mother of one daughter, Beverley Small. Mrs. Prior has two grandsons and four great-grandsons.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Severe burn in injuries are a leading cause of deaths and injuries in North America, especially among young children;

WHEREAS, Every year more than 2 million people suffer burn injuries of some kind, and more than one of every three burn victims are children;

WHEREAS, Approximately 75 percent of all burn injuries and deaths are preventable;

WHEREAS, The Shrine of North America operates four Shriners Hospitals that provide medical care totally free of charge to severely burned children;

WHEREAS, The Shrine of North America and Shriners Hospital join with other burn facilities across the nation in recognizing the seriousness of this hazard and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety;

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of the Shrine of North America and to commend the Shriners for their continued support and care for young burn victims;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD A. COHEN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6-12, 2000 as

BURN AWARENESS WEEK
in Agawam, and do encourage all of our citizens to support the burn Shriners Hospitals and to take appropriate precautions to protect their families from devastating burn injuries.

Richard A. Cohen
Mayor

From Keenan's Office...

**House Of Reps. Passes
Non-Group Health
Insurance Reforms**

Representative Daniel F. Keenan, of the Joint Committee on Insurance, announces the passage of H 4989, the non-group health insurance bill, by a unanimous vote of 152-0 in the House of Representatives.

This legislation restructures the non-group marketplace by making healthcare more accessible and more affordable for those individuals who pay 100 percent of their health care costs.

The legislation will also bring Massachusetts state law into compliance with the Kennedy-Kassenbaum federal law (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 [HIPAA]).

"The reforms presented in this legislation are of dramatic importance to those individuals who have the burden of providing themselves and their dependents with the full cost of health insurance without any cost-sharing or contribution made by an employer," said Keenan.

The non-group bill further allows consumers to purchase health plans continuously throughout the year, with a six-month, pre-existing condition exclusion. This provision will allow consumers the opportunity to purchase a health plan without waiting for any special "open enrollment" period.

The pre-existing condition exclusion is waived if an individual had six months or more of comparable coverage prior to enrolling in a non-group health plan.

"It is my hope that with the passage of this bill, health insurance will become more attainable for the nearly 496,000 uninsured Massachusetts residents who have no access to health coverage and cannot afford products currently offered in the non-group market. Health insurance is not accessible if it is not affordable," said Keenan.

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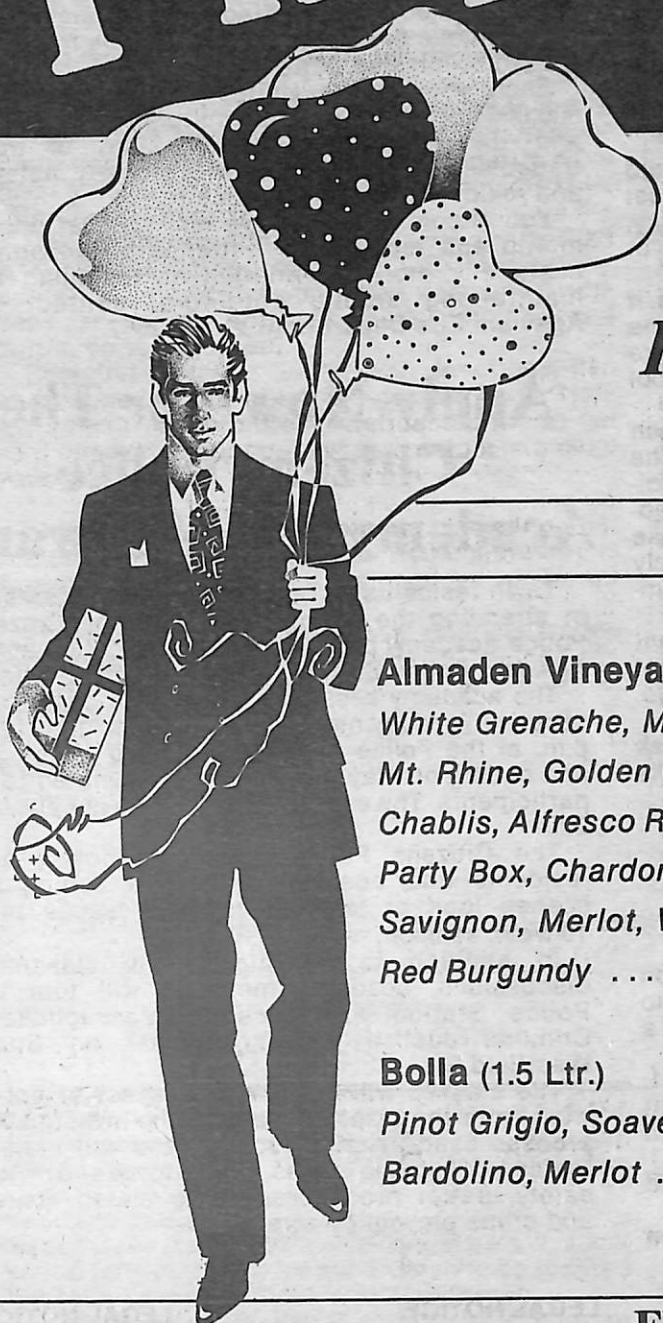
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Letters To The Editor

Why Does Councilor Bitzas Support High Cost Of Drugs?

To The Editor:

I read in *The Advertiser* that George Bitzas has another agenda item that has to do with the cost of prescription drugs.

George's latest resolution is "TR-2000-1-A Resolution Protecting the High Cost of Prescription Drugs in Our Country." This is no misprint. This is exactly the way the resolution is written in *The Advertiser*.

Why in the world would George Bitzas want our City Council to support the high cost of drugs?

Even if this weren't true, why would George waste the council's time discussing and voting on an issue that was voted on and passed unanimously just a month ago?

The agenda item at that time was "TR-99-35-A Resolution Encouraging the Federal and State Legislatures to Increase Medicare and Medicaid Payments for Prescription Drugs."

Isn't it odd that George is willing to waste the council's time with an issue that was passed unanimously, but complains about voters wasting the council's time at citizen's speak time?

George is probably doing this because this issue, TR-99-35, was passed without discussion and, therefore, he did not get the opportunity to do his usual political grandstanding.

As many know, George has tried to make everyone think that he is the only one that gets things done on the council. If you watch the council meetings regularly or stay involved with what goes on in Agawam, you know that most of the things George takes credit for in his reelection campaigns are the ideas and actions of other city councilors or residents.

It is all the more unfortunate that when George has an idea of his own, he has to milk it for all its political worth by grandstanding. It is time for George to do something because it is the right thing to do and not because it may make him look good politically.

Thank you,
Ernestine Book
Agawam

Think About It: Which MCAS Does Your Child Belong To?

To The Editor:

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System should be renamed the Massachusetts Cast Out Assessment System. Why, you say?

Because if you do not pass this test in the 10th grade, you cannot graduate. But you have two years to work on passing it. All well and good for the honor roll students and the honor students.

Or can we believe the marks that these children receive in school? It seems to be a double standard. Parents who have children who do well in school, please don't count your chickens before they hatch.

When your child takes this test in 10th grade, most have not been able to pass it. And you say, "But he or she is an honor student. Why are their tests so low?" And now they have two years to pass this test. I hope they do.

Now, what if you have a child who is facing this test and he or she has learning disabilities? Two years is not going to make a difference, because the math is mostly on algebra and geometry. Personally, I think the math should cover general math, such as adding, subtracting, multiplication, and division. Math that you use every day that most of our children cannot do because the teacher cannot spend the time they need to teach general math.

They have to teach algebra and geometry because it's on THE TEST. Leave the algebra and geometry to those who will use this in the field that they choose. And maybe the math scores will go up. Why should all children be expected to learn algebra and geometry?

MCAS (Massachusetts Cast Out Assessment System) Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities, we have to fight together because our Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Department of Education live in a fantasy world where ALL CHILDREN WILL PASS THIS TEST. In the real world, we know that not all children can pass this test. Our children will give it all they have, but it will not quite be enough to receive a diploma, but they will receive a piece of paper stating that they

completed 12 years of school.

It will be useless in the real world for getting a job or going on to college, or even going into the military. Our real children really have something to look forward to. I give this one more year when it will hit the fan and the drop-out rate will skyrocket. Maybe when the fourth grade reaches the 10th grade, there will be some change in the Almighty Test Scores.

But not in two years that this reform has really been in effect. We have from the class of 2003 to the class of 2007 with papers and no diploma. Pedigree dogs have papers and it means something. But beautiful human children, who put their heart and soul into learning with hopes of making it in this world, can only receive a paper that means absolutely nothing.

Why should they stay in school? Why should they feel good about themselves? Maybe not just the drop-out rate will go up, suicide, pregnancy, crime, and welfare. A child with no jobs or diploma, they say this is progress.

We are heading back to the Stone Age, where, if you can go to private school, you can be someone and of go to public school and make it, you were lucky. But if you can't make it in the public school system, it's not our problem.

Blame the teachers. Our teachers cannot teach quality anymore, they can only teach to pass. The Test. Is this test going to mean anything to colleges inside our outside this state? Is this test going to mean anything when your children take their SAT's? What about the lucky ones who apply for a job. Is it going to mean anything to companies inside this state or outside this state.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System or Massachusetts Cast Out Assessment System? Which MCAS does your child belong to. Parents, please think about it.

Cheryl Panek
Feeding Hills

Agawam Ski Team Parents Appreciate Sponsors' Help

To The Editor:

The Agawam Ski Team Parents Association would like to once again thank the sponsors who helped make this year's Agawam Ski Saver Card a success.

There are still cards available, valid until June 1, 2000, and can now be purchased for half price at Friendly's on Springfield Street, Letalien Jewelers, and Movie Mart.

Thank you again to all those who have helped support the Agawam boys' and girls' ski teams.

Agawam Ski Team Parents Association

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of Nextel Communications, Inc. who is seeking to amend a previous Special Permit, Case No. 1552 dated December 2, 1997 granted to Omnipoint Communications. Specifically Paragraph 14, which would allow for the expansion of "the fenced in area," in order to install additional ground equipment, at the premises identified as: 1804 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 7:30 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Section 180-112, entitled "Special Permit for Parking or Loading Requirement Reduction." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:40 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Veterans' Corner...

Women Veterans' Seminar Slated For April 5th At The Holiday Inn In Worcester

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

I have served as a member of the state Women Veterans' Network for the past several years. Our group has worked diligently to get the word out to women veterans regarding their eligibility to receive benefits. We now have a database of 13,000 women veterans from across the state of Massachusetts.

The state Women Veterans' Network will present an informational workshop and luncheon for women veterans on Wednesday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 500 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA.

The luncheon is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 with a choice of baked stuffed chicken, Boston baked haddock, or pasta primavera. All entrees are served with appetizer, dessert, rolls and butter, coffee, and tea.

Registration forms (along with directions) can be obtained at my office in Agawam Town Hall. All women veterans are invited to attend, so get your reservations in as soon as possible to ensure your space.

This week, we are continuing to publish our list of Korean War veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam and who will be included on our Honor Roll.

The following list consists of veterans whose last names begin with the letters "F" or "G."

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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From Melconian's Office...

State Senate To Overhaul Emergency Medical Systems In MA

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Senate has unanimously passed an overhaul of emergency medical systems in the Commonwealth.

Under the bill, emergency dispatchers, ambulances, and hospitals will be integrated into a statewide system allowing patients to receive care more quickly and to be taken to a hospital that can best heal their injury.

"In an emergency, seconds matter," said Melconian. "Under our current system, lack of appropriate facilities and overcrowding often force ambulances to take seriously ill patients to two or three different hospitals before they can receive care."

The new emergency response network will feature a state-of-the-art communications network, a statewide trauma care system, and technical assistance and training. The system will be overseen by the Department of Public Health with the assistance of regional EMS councils made up of community representatives.

Changes to the current 30-year-old system come after studies by both the federal and state government cited serious flaws, including misallocations of ambulance and hospital resources, inability of hospitals to determine who and where their current patients could best receive care, and numerous communications lapses.

"Communications and information technology have changed enormously in the last 30 years," said Melconian. "With this legislation, we are taking advantage of these changes to save lives."

The bill, formally titled "An Act Relative to the Emergency Medical Services System," has now been passed in a slightly different form in both the Senate and the House. The two branches must now reconcile their versions before the bill can be sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

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— Agawam Obituaries —

C. William Hall

C. William Hall, 64, of 50 Corey Colonial, Agawam, and also of Sturbridge, a long-time teacher and area tennis champion, died recently at home.

He taught industrial arts and computer graphics in the Springfield school system for more than 20 years and retired five years ago.

He was a tennis champion in Western Massachusetts, winning many regional and district tournaments as a member of a 4.0 USTA tennis team and in Over-50 competitions. He competed on the national level with the 4.0 team and also competed in the Senior Olympics.

He was a founding member of the Ludlow Tennis Club, where he played for 20 years, and was a former member of the former Wilbraham Tennis Club.

He owned and operated the Print-n-Copy shop in Springfield for several years. He also worked at the former Forbes & Wallace department store in Springfield. Previously, he worked in Florida in hotel management and also owned and operated a hair salon.

He raised money for elementary schools in Thailand and Nepal, and worked in both places to improve educational conditions for children.

Born in Boston, he was educated in Medford and in Lexington, and graduated from Borden-town Military Academy in New Jersey. He also attended Denver University and graduated from Springfield College.

He leaves a daughter, Amy L. Hall of Sturbridge; a sister, Patricia L. Fletcher of Treasure Island, Florida; his friends, Richard Reid and Cheryl Poler, both of Springfield; and his long-time companion, Karen Hachadourian, and their daughter, Sarah Qin, both of Longmeadow.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial was scheduled to be private and at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours, and Henderson Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to an educational fund for the children of Thailand and Nepal, in care of Patricia L. Fletcher, 245 104th Avenue, Number 5, Treasure Island, Florida, 33706.

Anna G. Huffman

Anna G. (Smith) Huffman, 76, of 46 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked at A.G. Spalding Co. (now Spalding Sports Worldwide) of Chicopee for 30 years and retired in 1970.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband of 56 years, Andrew W. Huffman; a son, John A. of Feeding Hills; a brother, Luke Smith of East Longmeadow; a sister, Helen Hackett of Glenmore, Pennsylvania; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Wyalusing (Pennsylvania) Cemetery. Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th Street, New York, New York, 10032.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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Alexia S. Romeo

Alexia Sabrina Romeo, the infant daughter of Carmen and Penelope S. (Alvaro) Romeo of 8 Alexander Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Besides her parents, she leaves her grandmothers, Lillian (Minniti) Romeo of Agawam and Luciana (Acerra) Alvaro of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Italian Cultural Center, 11 Acushnet Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105, or the Mount Carmel School Endowment Fund, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Angelina F. Basile

Angelina F. (Romano) Basile, 89, of Agawam, died recently at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford, Connecticut.

She and her husband, Joseph Basile, were the proprietors of the former Basile Importing Co. of Springfield.

Born in Enfield, Connecticut, she lived there and in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1983.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband died in 1991.

She leaves a daughter, Joanne Siddall of Agawam; two brothers, Frank Romano of Springfield and Anthony Romano of Suffield, Connecticut; three sisters, Elizabeth Pignatara of Westfield, Josephine Tria of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and Anna Raffia of Enfield; three granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the church at 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Michael LaFlamme

Michael LaFlamme, 49, of Raymond Circle,

Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a self-employed mason.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Technical High School and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War era.

He moved to Agawam 20 years ago.

He leaves his wife, the former Susan Prucnal; his grandmother, Beatrice Racicot; two stepsons, Mark Brannkarr of Agawam and Jeffrey Brannkarr of West Springfield; and a brother, Donald of Wilbraham.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01761, or the Leukemia Society of America, 180 Rustcraft Road, Dedham, MA 02026.

Phillis W. Pomeroy

Phillis W. Pomeroy, 92, of Florida Drive, Agawam, and formerly of Longmeadow, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked on her family's farm in Longmeadow and previously in the administrative offices at the Bay Path School of Business in Springfield (now Bay Path College in Longmeadow).

Born in Gardner, she was a graduate of Hardwick High School and the former Bay Path School of Business.

A 67-year Longmeadow resident, she was a member of First Church of Christ in Longmeadow and belonged to the Longmeadow Chapter of the Eastern Star, the Historical Society, the Homemakers Club and the Idlers.

Her husband, Allen B. Pomeroy, died in 1988, and a son, Allen B. Jr., in 1994.

She leaves a son, Philip C. of Sunderland; a daughter, Phillis C. Allen of Agawam; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning, February 12th, at the church, with burial in Longmeadow Cemetery at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours, and Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church endowment fund at 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTED

The Agawam Housing Authority is seeking an experienced housing professional for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing and implementing policies and procedures under the direction of the Authority's Board of Commissioners. Duties include management of 191 units of 667 elderly housing, 44 units of 200 Veterans' housing, and 7 units of 705 family housing; general administration of the Authority's fiscal responsibilities; supervision of personnel; supervision of maintenance of buildings; administration of all subsidy programs, compliance with all State regulations and laws, and other duties as assigned by the Board of Commissioners.

Applicants must have at least five years experience in public housing (or related field), with progressive responsible management, administrative, and supervisory duties of 3 or more employees. A bachelor's degree in public/business administration, social sciences, or related field is preferred.

However, experience in public or private housing management, public administration, including community affairs, may be substituted. Public Housing Manager Certification (PHM) or the ability to receive one within one year. Computer skills necessary, Corel WordPerfect a plus. Successful candidate must pass a physical which includes drug screening, and also subject to a CORI by the Criminal Records Agency.

Competitive salary subject to approval of DHCD and benefit package. Send cover letter and resume to:

Executive Director Search Committee
Agawam Housing Authority
66 Meadowbrook Manor
Agawam, MA 01001-3128

Application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2000. Agawam Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. Preference will be afforded to residents of Agawam. Published: February 10, 2000

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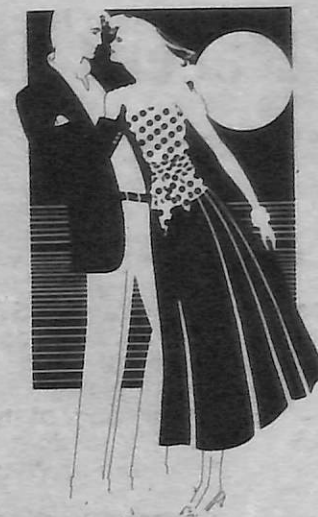
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Recent Donations For Town's Historical Museum



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION were pleased to receive the following donations for the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum. IN LEFT PHOTO: James Loomis, Jr., a former call fire lieutenant for the town, presents a firefighter's helmet and water hose nozzle to Anne Liptak, chairman of the Archival Committee. (Loomis used this equipment, which came from the original Agawam Station 2.) IN RIGHT PHOTO: Liptak with John Burns of Agawam, who (along with his wife, Martha) have donated old-fashioned farming implements — a harness-making vice and a corn-chopper. The Historical Association welcomes any fire memorabilia or artifacts pertaining to the development and history of Agawam and Feeding Hills; please call Liptak at 786-3031. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Valentine's Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner At Spfld. Turnverein

On Friday, February 11th, the Venture Crew from Boy Scout Troop 78 will hold a Valentine's Day Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at their chartering organization, the Springfield Turnverein, on Garden Street.

The dinner will be served in the main hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with dancing from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by a DJ with tunes ranging from the 50's to the 90's.

In the more intimate Astaldi Hall, there will be live acoustic music by members of Cabin Fever for those who just want to sit back, relax, socialize, and listen to folk, traditional, and soft rock songs from the 60's through the 80's.

The cost of this event is \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, and \$5 after 7:30 the night of the dance. This event is open to friends and family of Boy Scout Troop 78 and members of the Springfield Turnverein.

The Venture Crew is a group of about 10 boys who are raising funds for a week-long trip of backpacking and rock-climbing this summer at Mead High Adventure Base in New Hampshire.

For further information and tickets, contact Bill at 821-9871, Tony at 786-5171, or Tom at 575-5732.

Do You Want To Host Visitors From France?

Hosting a guest from another country and sharing your culture is an enriching experience. Here's a chance to be a "short term" host family for just five days.

This can be an exciting and fun opportunity for people who have thought about hosting but cannot commit for longer periods of time.

Starting in March, and then on a monthly basis, there will be a visiting professional from France coming to our area as part of a language training program. The length of stay for each visitor will be five days - likely Monday through Friday.

Staying in a home instead of at a hotel or motel will help the visitor get a better understanding of the American lifestyle and culture; in addition, there will be the opportunity to interact in the informal family atmosphere.

This guest will be on a very busy schedule and will attend many meetings during the days and evenings. Therefore, working families need not be concerned about any daytime schedule conflicts. Other than providing a room, an informal breakfast, and perhaps two evening meals, the host family will have no other obligations.

A modest stipend will be paid to families who decide to host a visitor.

If you are interested in hosting, please call 786-1899 for more information.

The Humphries Announce Birth Of Daughter, Gabriella

Owen and Gina Humphries of Longmeadow are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Marie.

Gabriella was born at 11:35 a.m. on December 28, 1999 at Wesson Women's Hospital in Springfield. She weighed eight pounds, 9.5 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Lynn Dialessi of Agawam. Her paternal grandparents are Pauline Humphries of Agawam and the late Owen J. Humphries, Jr.

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Celebrating Bertha Prior's 100th Birthday...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Al DiPietro provided musical entertainment on the guitar at the recently held get-together at Heritage Hall East celebrating Bertha Prior's 100th birthday. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Beverley Small (daughter of the "birthday girl"), Mrs. Prior, and State Representative Dan Keenan. Advertiser News

photos by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Junior Women's Club To Hold Its Next Meeting On Tuesday, February 15th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its February meeting on February 15th, 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Leonard House.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational,

social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved.

For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

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AHS's Class Of 1945 Slates 55th Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1945 is planning a 55th year reunion for June 10, 2000.

The committee is looking for the following class members: **Beverly Longey Fowler, Elizabeth Magiera Carlson, June Schwartz Kennedy, and David (Cornfort) Comfort.**

Anyone who might know how to get in touch with any of these classmates is asked to call any member of the reunion committee — Eleanore Richards, Edward Gallerani, Rita Moore, Jean Rousseau, Shirley Harrison, or Florida Tangocci. Moore can be reached at 786-9094.



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Please Support The Leonard House During "Friends Month"

February is "Friends Month" at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Once a year, the Board of Trustees invites all residents, social groups, and businesses to become a "Friend" by donating a gift in any amount to help with the upkeep of Agawam's most historical building.

This year, the monies collected in the Friends Campaign will be used for repair of the roof. Since the rebuilding of the House in 1936, the roof has been replaced once. There are now two layers of shingles on the roof and it is beginning to buckle. Also, some broken shingles and other signs of excessive wear and tear due to the extremes in heat and cold of our New England weather are now visible. This spring, a roofing professional will inspect the roof to help decide just what needs to be done. At this time, all indications point to the need for a new roof.

The Trustees are looking for the support of the community to help with costs of the extensive repair project. Please consider becoming a "Friend" in 2000 by sending a tax-deductible contribution in any amount to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Donors' names will be recorded in the "Friends" record book kept in the front hallway of the Leonard House.

Sponsored By Operation Friendship...

Roast Beef Dinner Slated At Feeding Hills Congregational

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, February 12th.

Dinner will consist of roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, vegetables, bread and butter, dessert, and beverage.

Servings will be held continuously from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children under five years of age.

Reservations are appreciated; call 786-8743 or 786-9780. Walk-ins are welcome.



The Captain Charles Leonard House

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Agawam COA Slates "Leap Year Party"

Swing-n-sway to the New Millennium Leap Year Party sponsored by the Agawam Council on Aging to be held at the Aqua Turf, Tuesday, February 29th.

The cost is \$38 per person. The bus leaves the Agawam Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 5:00 p.m.

To make reservations or for more information, see Joan at the Agawam Senior Center front desk or call 786-0400, ext. 242 or 243.

Italian Women's Club To Meet February 21st

The February 21st meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Main St. in Springfield. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For information on the Italian Women's Club, call 788-4690. For information on the meeting, call 543-0116 or 543-6630.

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**Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty
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In my fourth report on **hereditary thinning, hair loss, and balding**, I will continue to report on the options to choose from for your specific needs.

Hair transplants is a procedure in which hair, roots and all, is taken from a dense area that rarely thins (often the back of the head) and inserted into slits between existing hairs in thinning areas. Under local anesthesia, micro or mini grafts of one to three hairs are inserted into slits with a hypodermic needle or small scalpel.

There are no stitches needed, but the scalp will be covered with scabs for several days. Hair can be shampooed the next day. Within two to four weeks, the transplanted hair falls out and in about three months a new hair grows in its place. If done correctly, the results are permanent.

Scalp reduction is performed on the hairless area of the scalp by cutting away a "flap" of skin and replaced by stretching the hair-covered scalp up to meet the cut-away portion and stitched closed. If necessary, hair transplant can be used in combination with this procedure to produce a natural-looking hairline.

These surgical procedures can be time-consuming and expensive. They can be painful and there is a slight chance of chronic head pain and infection.

Before choosing a dermatologist, plastic surgeon, or cosmetic surgeon, remember to check out their training and credentials. Get a consultation and, if necessary, a second opinion. Ask questions and find out the risks involved, fees, and payment policies.

Watch out for the "red flag" words like absolute, painless, scarless, no risk... and beware of before and after pictures. Make sure they are board-certified or hair loss specialist-certified by the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS), or a member of the American Hair Loss Council (AHLCC). A referral from your physician is a great idea.

Thought for a smile: A warm fire on a cold night.
Continued next week ... Remember, Beauty is our business!

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, located at 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.**, for all parties interested in the petition of Country Estates Partnership, DBA Country Estates who is seeking an extension to a previously granted Special Permit, (Case 1192) dated April 7th, 1998, which would allow for the construction of an addition to the existing structure at the premises identified as: 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Tuesday, February 15th: Escarole soup, ham & cheese sandwich, tomato & cukes, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday, February 16th: Ziti & meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, Jello with fruit.

Thursday, February 17th: Beef stew (with potatoes, carrots, onions, celery), biscuits.

Friday, February 18th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Classified ads in the Advertiser News cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 14 Southwick Street (in the Crossroads Shoppes), Feeding Hills, or mail them (with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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Church News

Roast Pork Dinner Held At ACC...



LAST MONTH, a roast pork dinner was held at the Agawam Congregational Church. Pictured above are the "church chefs" who helped out at the dinner (from left to right): Les Melanson, Bill Ekstedt, Jim Randolph, and Dick Bassett. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



"SERVICE WITH A SMILE": Mary Jane Stuart, Marion Ekstedt, and Les Melanson enjoy a lighthearted moment during the roast pork dinner held recently at Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Announcements From Sacred Heart Church In Feeding Hills

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH ENVELOPES

The children's/youth boxes of envelopes for the year 2000 are now available for pick-up on weekends from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Parish Center. These envelopes are for ALL children/youth of the parish in grades one through 12.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents and families of those who were baptized in the month of January. They are: Cameron Daniel Conlin, Bianca Marie Culhane, Emily Erin Habrat, Andrew James Kuenzi, Ashleigh Louise Merriam, and Robert Gino Miroli.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The Rosary for World Peace is recited in the Church each Monday immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass and also each Wednesday morning immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to come and join us in prayer.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat which had been scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th was postponed until Monday, February 28th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

If you were assigned to the retreat date of January 25th, you must attend on February 28th.

SENIOR CITIZEN RETREAT DAY

Aging in the Lord

March 20th, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., JERICHO, Holyoke. Presenters: Fr. Fidelis Connolly, CP, Mary Ann Strain, CP. \$15 per person. Deadline for payment, March 12th. For registration form, call the Office of Pastoral Ministry at 452-0825.

On Monday, February 14th...

Catholic Women's Club To Hold 2nd Annual Game Night

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on Monday, February 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Dress comfortably and join in a night of fun as Carol Pignatere and Theresa Barlow host the Catholic Women's Club's "Second Annual Game Night." Charlene Moretti and her committee will provide hospitality.

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Church News - continued...

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

Our Parish Singles Club will meet Thursday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

This will be a pizza party and game night. Call Joann, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

LAST CALL FOR MEN'S RETREAT

Many of you men have been thinking about making this retreat. However, job schedules have not been firm enough for you to decide.

It is still not too late; there are a few reservations still available.

The retreat starts on Friday evening, February 11th, at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. Call Ray Provost at 786-6483.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1999

The form for contributions to the Parish for 1999 will be available.

They can be picked up during regular hours of the Parish Office.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We will continue this program weekly here at St. John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of time.

Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Friday mornings at St. John's at 9:10 and 9:45 a.m.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

March 31st through April 2nd in Lenox.

For information, call Bob or Marie at 783-0889.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

This week is Boy Scout Sunday. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be present in a body at the 9:30 Mass.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

There will be an information meeting on our new parish activity, "Friendly Visitors," on Thursday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m. These parishioners will visit our parishioners in Heritage.

If you wish to be involved, call Annette Reynolds, 786-4977; Marie Demerest, (860) 741-3931; Ray Provost, 786-6483; or Paula Raiche, 789-0244.

HOLYOKE CATHOLIC

Holyoke Catholic will be giving a Placement Test on February 12th. Please note that this date has been moved up from April.

Prospective ninth-graders are encouraged to take the test and should register as soon as possible. There is a \$25 test fee.

Call 533-0347, ext. 128.

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

The Sisters of Providence are hosting an Afternoon of Hospitality and Informal Conversation for single women who would like to know about what life and service are like as a Catholic Sister in an active religious community.

This will be at Genesis Life Center, 53 Mill Street, Westfield, on February 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call ahead (562-3627) if you intend to go.

DON'T FORGET

Groups and committees who wish to use the facilities in the Parish Center and Church are reminded to sign up in the Parish Office with date and time.

Some problems have arisen with conflicting schedules.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation...

"Want Some More Roast Pork???"



IN TOP PHOTO: Kitchen volunteers P.J. Owen, Cindy Lemire, Nancy Modzelewski, Karen Nagel, and Lesley Young at Agawam Congregational Church's recently held roast pork dinner. IN PHOTO BELOW: Youngsters Amy Lemire (age eight), Lisa Lemire (age 10), and Jenna Nagel (age 10) keep themselves amused while waiting for their roast pork suppers. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.





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Church News - continued...

Lincoln Joke Turns Up And Almost "Fowls" Up...

Chicken Supper At Valley Community Church On Feb. 12th

Abraham Lincoln once told the story of a fellow out of Illinois. It seems he had better luck in getting prairie chickens than anyone in the neighborhood. He had an old rusty gun, he never exerted himself, being listless and indifferent when out after game — but, he always brought home all the chickens he could carry, while some of the others, with their finely trained dogs and later improved guns, came home alone.

"How is it, Jake, that you never come home without a lot of chickens?" inquired one unfortunate and empty-handed sportsman.

"Never say nothing if I tell you?" Jake whispered.

"Cross my heart three times," promised the eager hunter.

"All you got to do is jes' hide in a fence corner an' make a noise like a turnip. That'll bring the chickens every time."

Ready to try anything to improve on savings for their chicken suppers, Jeff and Melody Hill are purple in the face making turnip noises and have finally returned to the tried and true way — buying the bird-brain critters to have them ready for our February 12th Chicken Supper.

The supper menu includes half a baked chicken, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter, beverage, and your choice of homemade dessert. For the modest price of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, we're sure you'll agree it's quite a deal.

To make reservations, call Jeff at 789-2552, Shirley at 786-2576, or the church at 786-2445.

By the way, just to be on the safe side, don't mention the word "turnip" to the Hills. It's kind of a sore spot with them right now.

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, will observe national Boy Scout Sunday on February 13th, with worship at 10:30 a.m. and Church School at 9:00 a.m. (for seventh- through 12th-graders) and 10:30 a.m. (for Crib Room through sixth-graders).

Members of Troop No. 82 will attend worship with a color guard, and all our Scouts are invited to be present in uniform.

Dr. Eric Bascom, the interim pastor, will preach on the topic, "Love Through the Roof."

The Friendship Committee's Annual Pot Luck Supper will be held this Sunday, February 13th, at 5:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

The night's entertainment will be a variety of talent, singing, dancing, music, and more from our youth and "young at heart" members.

The Midweek Service now meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Room for worship, bible study, and fellowship.

All are welcome to attend.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Hope...

1 Corinthians 13, the "Love Chapter" of the Bible, is one of the most often read passages of Scripture at weddings. It is called the "Love Chapter" because it speaks so eloquently about love.

The passage elevates love, stressing its importance over so many things which compete against it for our attention. It says, **Love never fails**; indicating not that love cannot fail in the sense that it won't let us down, because it sometimes does, but rather that love is enduring.

The chapter closes off with this comment, **"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."** Most people would generally agree that **faith** and **love** are important Christian attributes. **Faith** and **love** are both enduring attributes. Do we also realize how important **hope** is? **Hope**, like **faith** and **love**, remains.

"Hope" is one of those words we use somewhat glibly. We sometimes use the word in a casual manner, without regard to the sense of importance which the word attempts to convey. The dictionary defines "hope" as *"a feeling that what is wanted will happen; desire accompanied by expectation. To want and expect, to want very much."*

There is a lot more intensity attached to the word "hope" than comes across from saying, "Shucks, I sure hope so..." In many cases, we'd be better to think or say, "I wish for this or that..."

The Bible says, **"now faith is being sure of what we hope for."** While faith and hope are individual attributes, they are closely connected. Both have the power to energize our lives. Both also have the power to disappoint us, perhaps severely, if they're misplaced.

If we've ever been betrayed by a loved one, we know the pain is great, because in addition to having to cope with the trouble such betrayal presents, we have to cope with the greater sense of loss which comes from having our faith and our hope shattered.

Cherries don't come without pits, and roses have thorns. Life is not perfect; so how can we function if the faith and hope which are intended to energize us and delight us can, in fact, be

sources of pain to us instead? There are no perfect solutions to our dilemma, since we live in an imperfect world. Nevertheless, we can work towards being victors, rather than victims.

If you hope has been dashed, we're hardly alone and hardly the first that has happened to. Having our hopes dashed is not a sign of our weakness, nor of a moral failing on our part. Having our hopes dashed puts us in the company of some of the heroes of the Bible, including, but not limited to, King David.

In Psalm 42, King David wrote, **My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of thanksgiving among the festive throng. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why are you so disturbed within me?**

As many of us are tempted to do during periods of disappointment, King David recalled better days in his life. He remembered the good times, when his popularity was high. He recalled the excitement of being a charismatic leader.

But instead of those recollections cheering him up, they seem to make him feel worse. King David was not much different from many people today, who look back to cheerier times, only to feel even more disillusioned with their present lot in life.

Rather than looking around, or looking back, we should look up. This world can and will disappoint us. After a while, even new thrills don't thrill us. Oddly enough, even our past joys can prompt present sorrow. But King David came to realize he didn't have to despair, and neither do we. King David learned to direct his hope properly, and so can we.

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast with me; therefore I will remember You. Instead of looking to himself, other people, or to his circumstances, King David learned to *remember You*. King David looked beyond himself and beyond other people and beyond his circumstances, to find God Himself.

If we put our hope in anybody or anything other than God, we run the risk of being disappointed. That can happen, even if we put our hope in the things of God, such as experiences or expectations. People can let us down, simply because we're only human. We may never fully understand our experiences, either.

But this is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance, and for this we labor and strive, **that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.**

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Church News - continued...

Weekly Schedule At Valley Community Church In F. Hills

Valley Community Church welcomes all who claim Jesus Christ as their savior to come join them in the many activities which make up their church life.

Sunday Worship Service is at 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee and fellowship. Sunday School for all ages runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This week, there is a meeting of the Board of Deacons on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior Choir meets on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., and the Senior Choir meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There is an Open Prayer time every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to pray for the nation, the community, or for personal needs is welcome to attend.

On Saturday, February 12th, there will be a Chicken Supper from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The meal price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

The RED DOOR THEATRE is producing a Valentine's Cabaret this Friday and Saturday evening (February 11th and 12th) at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 per person, and seating is at candlelit tables complete with a complimentary bottle of non-alcoholic champagne, a silk rose, and a chocolate heart.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own basket of goodies to enjoy during the evening.

Finally, registrations are being accepted for our church-wide retreat, which will focus on God's Vision for Valley Community Church.

The retreat is free and is being held at the church on Saturday, February 19th, and Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the church at 786-2445 any morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

Weekly Listing Of News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m., and this week will include a special collection for the Parish Cupboard.

Rev. Donaldson will be on retreat with the members of the Confirmation Class this week. Diane Ball will fill the pulpit in his absence. The Lector will be Diane Fiejdasz.

Ushers will be Tom and Chris Chapman. Chris Kretschmar and Jeff Chapman will be our Acolytes. Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave for Sunday School at a designated time. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Confirmation Class has planned a trip to Sinai Temple in Springfield on Friday, February 18th. Adults are welcome to join them.

Anyone wishing to car pool is asked to please meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. If you choose to go directly to the temple, please plan to be there before the service begins at 7:20 p.m.

Plans are also in the works for a repeat trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum.

Anyone can give their valentine a box of chocolates. Why not treat your sweetie to a special dinner!

Operation Friendship makes it easy for you to do that by hosting a Roast Beef Dinner here on Saturday, February 12th, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call Sharon at 786-8743 for more information or reservations.

The deadline for submissions to the March newsletter is Thursday, February 17th (not March as printed in *The Informer*).

All newly-formed committees are asked to let the office know when monthly meetings will take place.

The Board of Christian Education will hold Movie Night on Friday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. Those on restricted diets are invited to bring their valentine chocolates to share!

February is the month when we show our appreciation to our loved ones. Church World Service asks that we "Blanket the World With Love."

For the small cost of \$5 each, CWS can purchase new blankets to be used by refugees, the homeless, or disaster victims. Donations of clean used blankets that are still in good shape are also accepted.

We will take this special collection on Blanket Sunday, February 20th, during morning worship.

On the calendar:

Friday, February 11th: Confirmation retreat to Mt. Monadnock; 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, Creative Memories.

Saturday, February 12th: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., OF Dinner.

Sunday, February 13th: 10:00 a.m., Worship led by Diane Ball/Parish Cupboard Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Monday, February 14th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Property; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed.

Tuesday, February 15th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Worship Committee.

Wednesday, February 16th: 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, February 17th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study.

Visitors Are Welcome At Worship Services At First Baptist Church In Agawam

First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, is an American Baptist Church and visitors are always welcome to join for worship on Sundays beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Scripture reading this Sunday will be from I Corinthians chapter 13 and Rev. Barnes' sermon is titled *Perhaps Love*. Couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows.

The monthly meeting of the Mr. & Mrs. Club will be held this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The evening begins with a homecooked "covered dish" supper followed by a program entitled, "Trolley Time," presented by Barbara Shaffer.

She will take us back in time when trolley cars were a mode of transportation, even through Agawam. Join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

Plans are in progress for our "Family Night." This annual event will take place on February 27th and will include a Talent Show, featuring dancing, swinging, playing, plus a few surprises with an added attraction of good refreshments.

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For many people, the end of the 1900s and the dawning of a new millennium brings with it the hope that life will be different. Yet one doesn't have to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know that life is destined to continue as it was in the last millennium. For example, we can be sure that death will continue to be inescapable. We know that no one today will live to see the year 3000.

Because death is inescapable, we must answer this very thought-provoking and personal question: Have you made sure of your heavenly reservations? It's not too late. You need to put your trust in Jesus Christ now for forgiveness and cleansing of your sin. You then will have a guaranteed reservation for that home in glory (Jn. 14:2), and you can be assured that you'll celebrate with the Lord for all eternity. Make your reservation today! —VCG

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Plan Your Estate With Tax-Cutting Tactics...

You've heard the old saying, "You can't take it with you." And with today's steep state and federal estate taxes, it seems harder to leave assets to family, friends, or others you choose.

An increasing number of taxpayers are realizing their estates will be reduced by taxes at their deaths. In 1999, for people leaving estates valued at over \$650,000 (or up to \$1.3 million for married couples), estate planning is very important as the tax bite can be significant — with rates as high as 55 percent.

The good news is that the federal estate tax exemption will rise gradually until it reaches \$1 million in 2006, or up to \$2 million for married couples. Because it is based on a net figure, the taxable portion of your estate is determined by the assets remaining after all of your debts, including funeral and medical expenses and donations to charity, are paid. After those deductions, every dollar in your estate over the current limit is taxed by the IRS.

If you suspect that your estate could be subject to taxes, there are several steps to take now to help you retain control over your estate, reduce your tax bite, and position yourself for estate planning success. Consider these tactics:

Start gifting to your family early. One strategy that allows you to reduce the size of the estate to stay under exemption limits, is to gift some of your assets to your heirs during your lifetime. Gifting allows you to transfer up to \$10,000 to an

unlimited number of people each year without being subject to the gift tax. And, if you are married, you and your spouse can each give up to \$10,000 per person.

It's even possible to further reduce the size of your estate in certain circumstances. If you have grandchildren who are college students, you may be able to give them more than \$10,000 per year by paying their tuition, as long as the funds are paid directly to the schools they attend.

Benefit from gifts to charities. In most situations, there is no limit to how much you can give to charities, and your contributions are generally not subject to gift or estate tax. During your lifetime, you may want to take advantage of additional income tax breaks by giving appreciated assets, such as stocks or stock fund shares, that you've held at least a year. That way you not only avoid capital gains tax on such assets, but in most cases you also get a tax deduction for their full appreciated value.

You can also give to charities in the form of life insurance. By purchasing a life insurance policy and naming a charity as owner and beneficiary, you may be eligible for a current income tax deduction and possible tax deductions in the future. Upon your death, the organization receives the policy proceeds without tax liability or administrative costs.

Preserve your wealth with trusts. Trusts are legal structures that offer a great amount of flexibility in helping you achieve your estate and tax-reduction goals. Under a trust arrangement, one person or institution controls property for the benefit of another.

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Because there are complex legal issues involved in estate planning, it's best to consult with a qualified attorney for advice on the best way for you to proceed. In addition, a knowledgeable financial advisor can help make sure your estate planning and financial goals are in tandem, so you can better realize your objectives.

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Skull Fracture & Accident At Ice Rink

Where a plaintiff (1) suffered a skull fracture when he skated into a hole on the ice at the defendant's rink and (2) sued the defendant for damages, the Appeals Court concluded that a Judge correctly dismissed the plaintiff's suit on the basis of a document signed by the plaintiff, before he began skating in a hockey academy game, releasing the defendant from all liability for any injuries the plaintiff might suffer while participating in the game. The Appeal was dismissed.

The Court said, "Contrary to the plaintiff's initial argument, 'there is no rule of general application that a person cannot contract for exemption from liability for his own (ordinary) negligence and that of his agents and servants.'... It is also well established that 'a right which has not yet arisen may be released.' ... Thus the defendant could validly contract to exempt itself from all liability which might arise from its own ordinary negligence... And in the absence of fraud or duress, the plaintiff was bound by any waiver he executed which released the defendant from liability ... The waiver signed by the plaintiff herein absolved the defendant from all liability for any injuries he sustained while participating in a program sponsored by the defendant. Even when interpreted so as to remove any doubts in the plaintiff's favor, ... the waiver clearly and comprehen-

sively exempts the defendant from 'any and all liabilities for any injuries sustained...' Moreover, the record is devoid of any evidence of fraud or duress. Indeed the plaintiff testified at trial that he read and voluntarily signed the waiver and understood its terms. The waiver thus was valid and unequivocally exempts the defendant from any liability for ordinary negligence."

Finally, the Court addressed briefly the plaintiff's suggestion in oral argument that the "waiver was invalid in the circumstances of this case because the defendant's failure to repair a defect in the roof [which allegedly allowed a leak to cause the hole in the ice] or to warn the players constituted gross negligence. While there is authority for the proposition that a party may not validly contract against liability for harm caused by his gross negligence, ... there is nothing in the record herein to indicate that the defendant's acts or omissions were of such an aggravated nature. Gross negligence 'is substantially and appreciably higher in magnitude than ordinary negligence.'

The record instead discloses that on the day in question, for several hours prior to the game in which the plaintiff was injured, the defendant's employees repeatedly inspected the ice, filled and repaired any visible holes or defects and cleaned and reshaved the ice surface. Clearly, the defendant's conduct did not even approach that failure to exercise even the slightest diligence, which is the hallmark of gross negligence," the Court concluded.

Judgment was affirmed and the Appeal dismissed.

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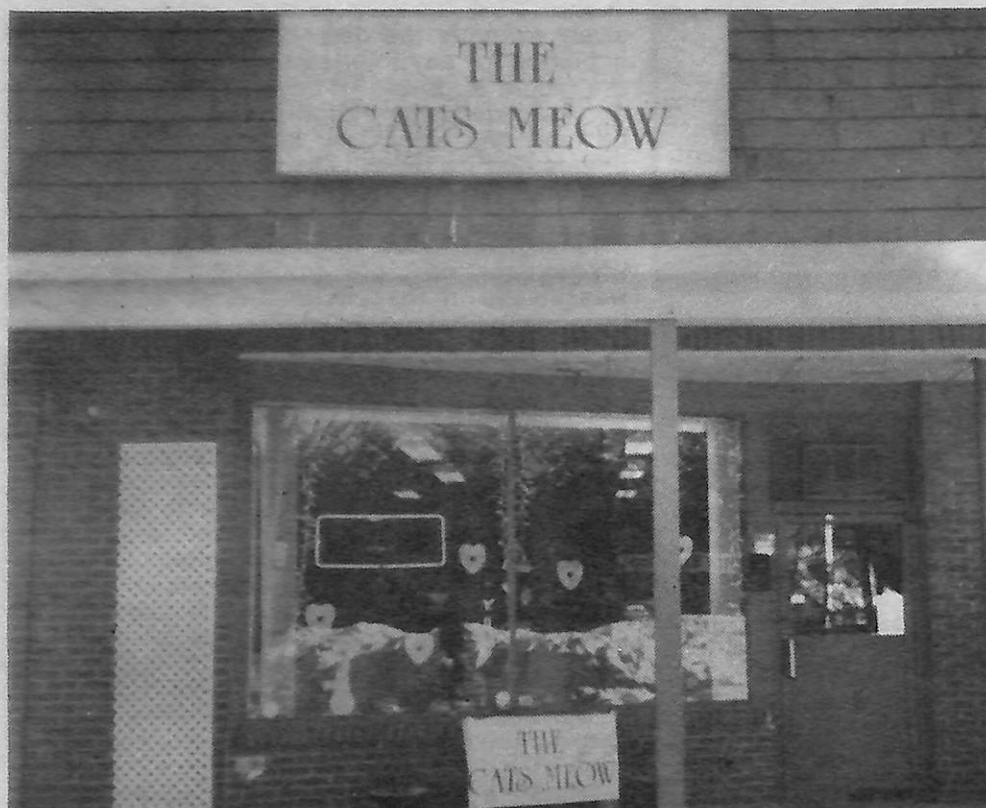
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IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: The entrance of "The Cat's Meow," located at 833 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. IN TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Owners Gail Connor and Chie Sulborski, who have run their store since late 1999. IN PHOTO BELOW: Just a few of the many craft items and other creations that are available for purchase. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

"The Cat's Meow" Has The *Purrfect* Gift Selections For You

by Kathy Shepard
News Editor

Cat's Meow at 833 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills combines a comfortable country atmosphere with an array of unique, handcrafted, quality gifts. Cat's Meow is open Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

However, this year, Valentine's Day falls on a Monday, so Cat's Meow will be open all day Monday, February 14th of this year. Perfect for the gift shopper who waits until the very occasion.

Gail Connor and Chie Sulborski have run Cat's Meow since late 1999. There is an immediate sense of good taste as soon as one enters this shop. The many crafts, wreaths, wall hangings, and other creations are arranged in a way that seems airy, bright, and roomy.

Cat's Meow will soon have facilities for fresh flowers, and they are one of the only area places carrying Pilgrim Candles from Westfield. Almost every item is handmade, and they will custom-craft items on request as well.

Gail Connor does most of the paintings and floral arrangements. Chie Sulborski does wood-crafting and also does some painting of crafts, such as plaques. The work of these two ladies is unusually attractive and indeed unique.

Some examples of the fine gifts that really must be seen to be appreciated are wreaths and wall hangings for under \$40, wood items such as sconces for under \$40, wall curios, hobby horses, wheelbarrows, and stools range in prices that are



low in contrast with their quality and beauty.

Among the dozens of handcrafted, custom-painted knickknacks are St. Patrick's Day ornaments, rabbit showpieces for Easter (\$15), plants, dish gardens, fresh roses and flowers, and a Teddy Bear with a heart for Valentine's Day.

Cat's Meow is kitty-corner in the strip mall on the right, just before Bruno's Pizza. Parking is free and convenient. The gifts do not resemble department store or assembly line items. They are beautiful works of quality craftsmanship and will make great gifts for the special people in your life. Be certain to stop and look in on Cat's Meow.

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Here's an example: Suppose you have \$10,000 in cash, a 10-percent mortgage, and a 40-percent total marginal tax rate. If you prepay, you'll save roughly \$1,000 in interest payments this year (10 percent of \$10,000 compounded monthly). But you'll lose your \$400 tax deduction (40 percent of \$1,000).

Consequently, your true savings will be \$600, or six percent of \$10,000, meaning you "earned" six percent by prepaying. Now, if you could invest that \$10,000 and earn more than six percent, you're probably better off with the investment.

As for your investment-return assumptions, one warning: Remember that the rate you earn by prepaying is a **guaranteed** return. Investing your money otherwise carries all the attendant risks. The higher the assumed return, of course, the greater the risk.

As you range above eight percent, this is definitely something to consider. The same is true if the spread between your prepayment return and your assumed investment return is small.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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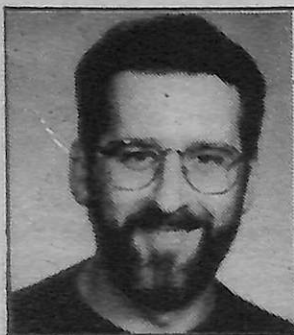
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The Complexity Of Having My Self

If I were to ask you to come up with an example right now in order for us to go any further, would you consider it? I agree. It **depends!** Well, let's give it a try.

If you would, retrieve a memory or take something current that gives you a concrete example of a situation when you know **"you had yourself."** Do you have one? Please take a few moments ... Now consider a time when **"you lost yourself."**

Are these two phrases foreign to you? Or are they something you can work with? If they are, translate them into your own language. For example, it could simply be *"I have myself when I'm not yelling and I know I lose myself when I yell."*

Okay! With examples in hand, please consider for a few moments if **having or not having yourself is important to you.** In other words, does your life place significant value on how you see yourself or is your life overly focused on how you see others having or not having themselves? And are you always doing what they need ahead of caring for your self?

Last week I missed writing this column due to illness. An aside, thank you to those who expressed your concern about what happened to my column. Sometimes what happens in life is just that simple.

When I suddenly realized early Tuesday afternoon that I had failed to write my piece, I knew I was too late, but I still put myself through a hard time for missing the deadline and it took a while before I was able to calm myself. In effect, I lost myself.

This turned out to be a minor example of losing myself. I know this because later that day I bumped into a "sticky" note attached to my home computer screen. The note was authored by my nearly seven year-old daughter and it said, "I love you but sometimes you are mene."

I took several moments to gather myself. I was crushed! I wondered when she must have written it. What had I said or done to have made her write such an important note to me?

This was a textbook opportunity for me to retreat into old patterns of thinking and behaving that would have kept my "self" captive. In fact, it was a perfect setup for me to beat myself up for causing her pain. The moment was ripe for me to really do a number on myself. And of course it would then be just a matter of time before it would negatively overflow right back onto my kids.

I was at a crossroads. What do *you* do at these moments? This time I choose not to isolate myself from my daughter and beat myself up. I went "into" the relationship thanking her for the note and inviting her to share more of her feelings about whatever the situation was that I did to hurt her. Despite how hard it was to hear her reconstructed version of the situation that hurt her so much, I "found myself" and didn't re-lose myself by becoming reactive and defensive.

I work so hard at having myself because it is of tremendous value to me. Whether I have myself or not impacts every aspect of my life. How about you? Is having yourself an important value in your life? Important enough to be the **passion** behind how you are or are not in relationships?

Remembering for a moment your original examples; simply realizing how we do or do not have ourselves is the simple part. The complex part of living, I think, is what we do about caring for our self and the behavior that stems from it when we *lose* ourselves. As well as, how do we live our life during the times we truly have ourselves to positively influence how we live?

The complexity of having and not having our "self."

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How Do Chiropractic Treatments Work To Relieve Pain?

Spinal manipulation and/or "adjustment" is a treatment used almost exclusively by chiropractors. An adjustment is a hands-on procedure that involves precise pressure applied to specific points on your body, determined after a physical examination by a chiropractor. Adjustments can be made to the spine, the soft-tissue, and the other joints that make-up the body, including the shoulder, knee, hip, foot, elbow, wrist, etc.

The purpose of the adjustment is to improve function of the joint and relieve pain and inflammation. Because the adjustment is so precise and because it involves body joints which may be moved in an adjustment, it is important that only those who have had extensive education and training in the techniques of manipulation be allowed to provide high velocity manipulations. Often patients will state, "I adjust my own spine or one of my relatives moves the joints for me."

Unfortunately, what happens is that when someone self-adjusts, they are just continually moving the joints that are already mobile, creating a hypermobility in the joint. A chiropractor moves the joints that are immobile or "stuck."

In addition to education on correctly and safely performing these procedures, chiropractors are also educated in conditions in which manipulation may not be advised. When **not** to adjust can be even more important.

Other treatment methods used by the Doctor of Chiropractic which may be helpful in managing pain include physical modalities such as ultrasound, electrical muscle stimulation, massage, heat, and ice. All of these treatments may work to relieve pain, improve function, and relax muscles.

In some instances, the chiropractor will determine that chiropractic is not the most suitable form of treatment or another treatment may be needed. In these instances, the appropriate referral will be made.

Also, patients are asked to participate in their care by performing exercises, adjustments in diet, and lifestyle changes. If you have any questions regarding chiropractic treatment and care, call today.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays ... AAN!!!



Fitness Tips...

by

Carmela Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Director
Fitness First

Unusual Response To Exercise

National Heart Month has arrived once again and I am seeing a lot of great information out about keeping your heart healthy.

Low fat, low cholesterol food, plenty of aerobic exercise, a healthy, calm outlook to life, and stress heartiness are all extremely important. It is not surprising that what prevents heart disease also prevents a lot of other diseases. It's just plain healthy to live this way.

Before beginning an exercise program, it is important to think about a couple things. One of them is your risk of heart disease.

If you are over 55 years-old, have a family history of heart attacks, suffer from diabetes and/or high blood pressure, it is important to see your doctor before you begin exercise. There are some other risk factors that should cue you to be careful. Cigarette smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle; these are all great reasons to start low and slow and be aware of any cardiac symptoms.

Cardiac symptoms can be vague. It usually does not occur like you see in Hollywood, where the gentleman clutches his chest and falls to the ground. It can be very subtle. This is the scary part. If while you are exercising you feel any chest pain, pressure, or tightness that comes on gradual and does not go away immediately, stop. If the pain goes away, call your doctor. If it doesn't go away, call the ambulance.

Cardiac symptoms can present in the shoulder, jaw, back, arm, and/or epigastric area. Sometimes it is accompanied by nausea, vomiting, heavy sweating, and a pale skin color. Sometimes it is not. Now do you know what I mean about vague symptoms?

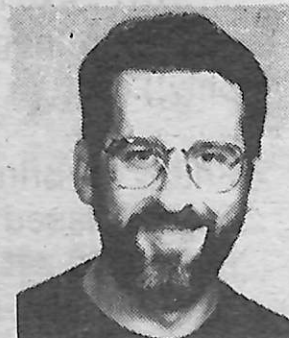
My point is clear. ANY of the above mentioned symptoms, especially associated with exercise, must be evaluated. Exercise should feel good, for the most part. It should not cause a lump in the chest that goes away when you get off the treadmill. It should not cause indigestion that goes away when you get off the bike.

Another very common symptom of a heart attack is denial. Pay attention to the way you feel and keep that heart healthy.

... when you value having your 'self'.

Read more about this in today's **FOR YOUR HEALTH** column.

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble Hospital

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, February 23rd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, February 29th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

Bereavement Group: Wednesday, February 23rd, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, February 23rd, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

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PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

Free Information Session and Anonymous Screenings for Eating Disorders: Offered by Noble Hospital through the National Eating Disorders Screening Program. Wednesday, February 16th, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. In the Partial Hospitalization Unit, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

If you are concerned for yourself, a friend, or a family member, attend this free program and learn how to get help.

Please call Nu McLeod at 572-5177 for more information or to register for this free screening.

"Partners In Massage": Presented by the Women's Center at Noble Hospital. Monday, February 14th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Auditorium A at Noble Hospital.

On Thursday, February 17th...

"Getting To The Heart Of The Matter" At Mercy Hospital

Heart disease is the leading cause of diabetes-related deaths. For women, who often underestimate their risk, it can be an insidious killer. Learn about your risks for cardiovascular disease and how you can reduce them at a free program sponsored by Mercy Hospital's Women's Pavilion and the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

"Getting to the Heart of the Matter" takes place Thursday, February 17th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. Speakers Nancy Gaze, M.S.N., A.R.N.P., women's health specialist and manager of the Women's Pavilion, and registered dietitian Sharon Tilbe, M.A., R.D., C.D.E., of the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital will share information on how diabetes affects the cardiovascular system, review symptoms, and offer tips for reducing risk factors.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

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Couples, learn to relax. Bring your partner and learn massage techniques to help you relax, soothe sore muscles, relieve tension, and promote tranquility in your relationship.

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The cost is \$25 per couple. Make check payable to "Noble Hospital" and mail it with your name, address, and telephone number to: Women's Center at Noble Hospital, P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, February 15th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, February 16th & 23rd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

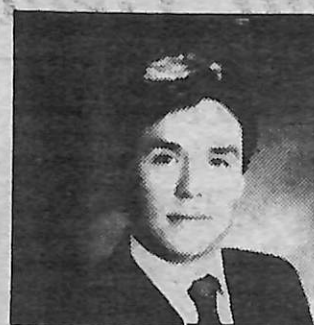
This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's CPR Line at (413) 572-5172.

Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist: Sundays, March 19th and 26th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.



Your Back And Your Health

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Skiing This Winter? Be Careful.

If you're an avid skier like I am, you've undoubtedly seen some exciting skiing this winter. You may have also seen some spectacular falls. Perhaps you were involved in one yourself.

Torn ligaments and tendons are a common result. Even broken bones. I recently saw a young male skier knocked unconscious during a particularly bad fall. The earth is very unforgiving.

Stop and consider for a moment what happens to the delicate spine during a bad skiing mishap. The spine is often over-compressed, or over-flexed or extended. An injury on the ski slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While skiing is one of the most exhilarating winter sports there is, no bad fall should be forgotten until after a chiropractic consultation and examination.

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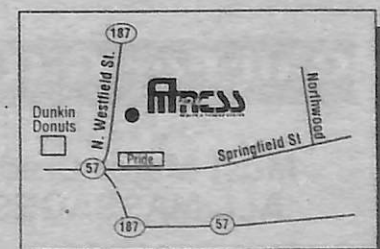
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Majestics To Perform At Fundraiser For The Theater Project

The Theater Project will be staging its Second Annual Fundraising Dance at the Coliseum in West Springfield on February 18th and 19th. According to Theater Project Founder and Producing Director Danny Eaton, the entertainment will be provided by the Majestics, the rock band formed by several members of *The Buddy Holly Story*.

The musicians met when they were cast in the show, the first Theater Project production in the newly-renovated Majestic Theater. Joining them will be performers who were featured in Theater Project musicals, including Jamie Liddell (*Leader of the Pack*), Frank Manzi (*The Buddy Holly Story*), and Floyd Patterson II (*Robeson*).

Members of the Majestics are Ben & Stacy Ashley of Easthampton, Tim Hosmer of Westfield, Tom Ingraham of Springfield, Aaron Prochelli of Longmeadow, and Don Rovero of East Hartford, CT. With the exception of Ingraham, they all performed in the 1997 and 1998 productions of *Buddy*, which played to sold-out audiences, and featured Frank Manzi as Ritchie Valens.

Jamie Liddell drew attention during her stint as Darlene Love in 1999's *Leader of the Pack*, and Floyd Patterson II, whose band is a regional club favorite, portrayed the title role of *Robeson* in 1998 and 1999.

The doors open at 8:00 p.m. on both nights, with an admission cost of \$25 per person. Hot and cold appetizers will be served from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. In recognition of the enthusiastic crowd at last year's fundraiser, a larger dance floor has been planned for the evening.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the ongoing operation of the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. Earlier efforts raised funding for an air conditioning system, balcony restoration, and improved signage.

Now in its third full season, the Theater Project is fulfilling Eaton's mission of providing a venue for local talent to flourish. All productions feature area actors and crew members, and the theater was the site of the recent First Annual New Works Weekend 2000, an event that featured the work of local playwrights.

"Theater is, as Thoreau said, important to a village," states Eaton. "Just as much as having a banker, a barber, or a grocer. It's vital for a community's growth and enrichment. And we're proud to be building an industry here, with the talented actors, directors, choreographers, musicians, you name it, who have come into the Majestic Theater."

Other plays slated for the current season include *Gun-Shy* (February 24th-March 5th), *All My Sons* (March 23rd-April 22nd), and *Man of La Mancha* (May 11th-June 10th). Tickets are available by visiting or calling the box office at (413) 747-7797 during its operational hours of Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.).

Mittineague Mystery Players To Produce Show And Dinner

The Mittineague Mystery Players will be presenting "She Should've Seen It Coming" on March 3rd and 4th. A roast pork dinner will be served.

In West Springfield, the carnival has come to town again. And some mysterious doings are afoot. What carnival is that, you ask? Why, it's the Barnabus N. Bailey Traveling Gypsy Carnival and Side Show Extravaganza!

Now, if you think that sounds like a mouthful, come and enjoy the fun, a wonderful meal, and solve a "crime."

The plot involves a fortune teller who gives advice to some interesting personalities. Her advice, though usually trustworthy, has come under question as several rather slippery characters discover that they are each not alone in having misfortune come their way.

As they prepare to bring suit against Madame Voyant, a tragic crime prevents them from carrying it out. Come join the fun as tables of theatregoers compete to help solve this diabolical crime.

Tickets are \$16 and include the show and dinner. Call 788-0304 or 734-4675 for more information or reservations. Full tables of eight can also be reserved. This is a church fundraiser and will be held at Mittineague United Methodist Church at 800 Amostown Rd. in West Springfield (across from Faussey School).

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

February Family Programs Offered At Agawam Library

THE HARRY POTTER BOOK CLUB

On Wednesday, Feb. 23rd at 2:00 p.m., readers in grade three and up who have read or are reading at least one "Harry Potter" book are invited to join the first meeting of the club and share the fun with other Harry Potter fans.

REGISTER IN PERSON OR CALL 789-1550 TO RESERVE A SPACE.

SCHOOL VACATION PARTY

Readers aged five and up can review a book from the library by February 22nd and get invited to a "LET'S PRETEND IT'S SUMMER" party on Feb. 24th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

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"One Enchanted Evening" — a Valentine's Cabaret — is being presented at the RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on Friday, February 11th, and Saturday, February 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

The evening is designed for adult couples or friends who wish to spend some time in an intimate environment enjoying musical entertainment, comedy, and a one-act play. Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora are your hosts for the evening.

The setting is romantic with candlelight, complete with a complimentary bottle of non-alcoholic champagne, a silk rose, and a chocolate heart. Yet, you don't have to be a couple to enjoy the evening. Many friends have made this cabaret an annual event, saying that they "feel so good and relaxed at the end of the evening."

Why not try something a little different from the crowded restaurants and clubs this Valentine's weekend. Come to the RED DOOR THEATRE.

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The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring a "Plan Your Own Trip" to New York City on May 6th. There are many activities (such as museums, plays, and other cultural events) which are available for people going on the trip.

Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue, and included in this list are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, the Times Square Show Ticket Booth, and the 34th Street and South Street Seaport.

Time of departure is 6:30 a.m., and the return trip will leave New York City at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check (made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council") and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. Cost of the trip will be \$21.

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Education

D.A.R.E. Graduation Held On January 28th At Ag. Middle School

This semester's D.A.R.E. graduation was held on Friday, January 28th, in the Agawam Middle School Auditorium.

Guests in attendance included State Representative Daniel Keenan, Mayor Richard Cohen, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Ameruso, Chief of Police Robert Campbell, Sgt. Richard Curry, D.A.R.E. Officer Karen Langevin, and the Peer Leadership Group from Agawam High School.

The ceremony was opened with Faith King from homeroom 207 beautifully singing the National Anthem.

D.A.R.E. Essay Contest Winners Brittany Michel from homeroom 205 and Christina Bertrand from homeroom 201 were each presented with a D.A.R.E. medallion. Hannah Rollins from homeroom 207 volunteered to read aloud her essay to those in attendance.

Each D.A.R.E. graduate was then presented with a diploma, a D.A.R.E. T-shirt, and a D.A.R.E. button.

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Students will receive a detailed computer analysis of their performance. Kaplan offers the test drive as a free public service to students.

For more information or to register, call Kaplan today at 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptestdrive.com.



AGAWAM D.A.R.E. OFFICERS Joseph Santore (far left) and Karen Langevin (far right) with "Essay Contest Winners" Christina Bertrand and Brittany Michel at the D.A.R.E. graduation, which was held at the Agawam Middle School on Friday, January 28th.

Thomas DalMolin Scholarship Hockey Night Scheduled For Saturday, February 26th

The Thomas DalMolin Scholarship Hockey Night will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The Falcons vs. the Syracuse Crunch tickets are available for \$9, with \$2 of each ticket being given to the scholarship fund.

Each year, the Thomas DalMolin Scholarship Fund awards four \$500 scholarships to any Agawam High School graduate who has par-

ticipated in hockey, field hockey, or boys' and girls' soccer.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Kip at 784-9733, Mary Lou at 786-1959, or Jim Rolandini at 736-4170. Come and bring the family for a night of fun and relaxation. Help support the youth in our community.

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*From The
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by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Walk Barefoot And Feel The Pebbles

I was listening to a lecture the other day and I heard the speaker talk about walking barefoot. Immediately, my ears perked up since the comment seemed so strange to me. Yet, as he continued, the words started to ring true and lasted with me my whole drive home.

Think about the following for a moment. When you are walking outside with shoes on, what do you feel? Actually, the shoes protect you from the heat, or from the cold, or even from sharp objects that may be lying around. But here's the rub. In protecting you, they stop you from feeling, from connecting with your surroundings, from learning to deal with them.

Now take this a step further. By not feeling what's underfoot, do you really know what's going on? And of course, that brings me to the point of this article; by protecting yourself, you are often hampering yourself. You are precluding yourself from really feeling the essence of things, from really getting a sense of what is occurring.

Yes, as when you wear no shoes, you may suffer some pain, but how much better it is to feel some pain, to know what is occurring, than to walk on a seemingly smooth surface that really is not smooth at all. The pain makes you pause, think, and check out the situation. The smooth walk allows you to just continue walking without noticing anything underfoot.

How many times do we decide to put our shoes on, to keep ourselves out of the "dirty" parts of life? How much easier it is to keep our feet clean, rather than getting them dirty. After all, when they become dirty, there is cleaning up to do.

Ah ... but isn't that what should happen in life? Shouldn't we allow ourselves to become dirty, to immerse ourselves in our surroundings, to really feel what is underfoot? Then, we can examine the situation, and start to make appropriate plans to clean it up.

As parents, we naturally wish to protect our children. We want to make sure they are wearing their shoes. Yet, in doing this, are we really helping them? No. Instead, we are protecting them from seeing and feeling the good as well as the bad.

We are giving them a false view of life, so that when they finally do see it and consequently feel it, they will now know how to deal with it. It's all right for them to witness pain; it's all right for them to know about poverty.

It's all right for them to know that they don't always have to make a team, or if they do make the team, that they always have to start. It's all right for them to get a C. It's all right for them to feel hurt when someone has hurt their feelings.

It's all right for them to feel your anger when they have upset you. It's all right for them to realize they cannot have a car unless they work hard to earn money for it. It's all right for them to hear the word no. It's all right for them to fall when they try to skate. In time, they will learn to glide smoothly. Yes, life is imperfect, so do let them exhibit and feel those imperfections.

Let them walk barefoot so they can feel the pebbles. Their feet will develop calluses to allow them to deal with discomfort. Likewise, your children will become stronger internally; they will be able to deal with the vicissitudes of life.

Pre-Registration Now Taking Place For Kindergarten

Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1, 2000 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in Agawam for the 2000-2001 school year.

Parents of children who will be eligible for kindergarten are requested to contact the nearest elementary school as soon as possible.

Parents are encouraged to register their children prior to the last day of kindergarten screening (May 5, 2000).

Report Cards Issued At AHS

Second-term report cards were issued at Agawam High School on Friday, Feb. 4th.

Agawam High's Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

Jennifer Burke: Bridgewater State College, University of Central Florida.

Kristin Kocot: University of Hartford.

Adam Howe: Fitchburg State College.

Raquel Rodriguez: University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Katherine Shannon: Assumption College.

Tiffany Scaife: University of Hartford, American International College.

Shawn Gloster: University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Stephanie Keenan: University of New Hampshire.

Carolyn Gomes: Elms College.

Sara Borden: Bay Path College, Endicott College.

Kalla Larivee: Wheelock College.

Brian Gilhooly: Northeastern University.

Melissa Sparver: Mount Ida College.

Justin Gorman: University of Maryland, Penn State University.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

MIAA Scholarship: Open to female scholar-

athletes who play interscholastic sports with Type I Diabetes. Deadline: May 15, 2000.

Boston Guild for the Hard of Hearing Scholarship: Open to graduating seniors with a hearing loss who plan to attend college. Deadline: March 24, 2000.

National Association of Insurance Women Scholarships: Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to an individual who is continuing his/her education in any field of study. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

American Legion Post 124 Scholarship: Open to a high school senior whose parent or guardian is a member of this organization. Deadline: April 23, 2000.

General Mills/Stop and Shop Scholarship: To see eligibility requirements, visit your local Stop and Shop.

Christopher Columbus Scholarship: This scholarship is open to high school seniors of Italian descent. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

St. Joseph College, Connecticut: Friday, February 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

F. Hills Pupils On Dean's List At Elms

Dr. Anne Harrison, Academic Dean at Elms College, has announced that Melissa Boissonneault of Agawam and Martha Manning of Feeding Hills were among students named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1999-2000 academic year.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

AHS's Class Of 1979 To Hold 20th Reunion In March

Attention, AHS class of 1979!

Our 20-year reunion will be held on March 11, 2000 at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. You must get your tickets in advance! Call Barbara (Plante) Bard at 786-4847 ASAP.

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Wednesday, February 16th: Spaghetti with meatsauce, seasoned green beans, Italian bread and butter, chilled fruit cup or raspberry Jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, February 17th: Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday, February 18th: Grilled cheese sandwich, potato wedges, seasoned mixed vegetables, ice cream cup, milk.

From Agawam School Lunch Prog....

No More Processed Chicken Products

In an article printed in the February 6, 2000 edition of the *Sunday Republican*, it was reported that schoolchildren in 31 states are being fed chicken nuggets made in part from diseased poultry. According to the federal food safety inspectors who made this discovery, the nuggets will not hurt anyone because humans do not get poultry diseases, but the inspectors have asserted that this food is not wholesome.

Therefore, in response to this article, the Agawam School Lunch Program will not serve processed chicken products contracted out by the State of Massachusetts until the administrators are satisfied that the poultry has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture food safety inspections.

Agawam High Seniors To Compete For \$1,000 NHS Scholarships

Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle and Brian Gilhooly, Agawam High School seniors and members of the Agawam National Honor Society, have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Two-hundred national NHS winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate two senior high members of the National Honor Society. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

"Dupelle and Gilhooly have demonstrated exemplary achievement in their academic work and service to their school and community," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "They are fine examples of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization with a membership reaching toward 43,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the National Association of Student Councils, and the National Association of Student Activity Advisers.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

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KORNELIA MOYSIS

Kornelia Moysis Attains Dean's List At Springfield College

Kornelia Moysis, a freshman at Springfield College, was named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1999 term.

Kornelia is majoring in biology. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Moysis of Agawam.



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Agawam High's Term Two Honor Roll

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Kaleena Ennis, Stephan Ferreira, Victoria Fitchben, Matthew Gaffney, Christine Gallant, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Shawn Gessay, Nicole Ghaname, Shawn Gloster, Carolyn Gomes, Anthony Goodrow, Kimberly Goss, Marylen Grozinger, Stephanie Harnois, Scott Harris, Jennifer Harvey, Kelly Heiden, Eric Hoague, Lynn Hopkins, Adam Howe, Stephanie Keenan, Patrick Kelly, Kristen Kocot, Nicole Koehler, Lauren Kunkler, Ket La, Kristen Lawson, Jennifer Lyman.

Eric Mancini, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Danny Marsili, Jeffrey Maynard, Kerry McGeoghan, Stephanie McLane, Jessica Millot, Dominic Montessi, Jessica Nelson, Rae Ottomaniello, Amie Panek, Aja Paquette, Justin Patterson, Katelyn Pisano, Crystal Place, Andrea Prova, Sarah Prussman, Laura Reveruzzi, Daniel Rice, Renee Robichaud, Gabrielle Robinson, Paul Sawyer, Tiffany Scaife, Caroline Scherpa.

Katherine Shannon, Matthew Sharpe, Irina Skovorodina, Melissa Sparveri, Kerry St. Laurent, Amanda Sternowski, Erin Sullivan, Elizabeth Sussman, Jason Swindle, Matthew Taylor, Brad Theriaque, Keylea Ursprung, Arthur Von Marschall, Caitlin Weisgerber, Nicole White, Michael Whitehead, Robert Woods.

GRADE 11

Laura Babbini, Danielle Bachini, Alla Belyshev, Lisa Bienia, Tiffany Blackman, Jenna Bodurtha, Amanda Boissonneault, Anthony Bosini, Nicholas Brown, Corinne Butova, William Campana, Danielle Cardin, April Carreau, Gina Castellanos, Bianca Chase, Timothy Chretien, Elizabeth Clark, Keegan Clark, Heather Crescentini, Nicole Dominick, Peter Drewniak, Adam Ellsworth, Corey Federico, Michael Federico, Tara Feeley, Heather Ferguson, Frank Ferrentino, Scott Fleming.

Jill Gendron, Gina Goralczyk, Sara Gregory, Ashley Guiel, Stephanie Gumlaw, Laurie Halpy, Ryan Hanley, James Ingari, Amy Jensen, Lindsey Jeserski, Janet Jock, Lauren Kida, Joseph Lancour, Bryan Lavin, Ryan Lepard, Anthony Liquori, Ashlee Lorraine, Ajay Martucci, Kelly McNeish, Jennifer Mercadante, Amanda Merola, Steven Messina, Amanda Moquin, Rachel Morris, Rebecca Naciewicz.

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GRADE 10

Lissa Asta-Ferrero, Kristin Berry, Amanda Blair, Eric Bland, Thomas Boisdjolie, Jamie Borkosky, Amanda Brown, Rachel Caruso, Kelly Cassidy, Matthew Couture, Renee Couture, Adam D'Amario,

Jenna Davis, Danya Decoteau, Kathleen Demetron, Eliza Dickmann, Caira Dominguez, Kara Dominick, Scott Drenzek, Katie Dubay, Matthew Duplessis, Ronald Dutton, Kyleigh Egan, Kathryn Feato, Stefanie Fede.

Anna Ferrentino, Alyson Garvey, Bryan Ghedi, Kara Gilhooly, Erinn Gloster, Alyssa Goodrow, Elizabeth Gottardi, Eric Hastings, Andrew Huffman, Christine Jack, Erin Jackson, Craig Jendza, Nicole Jensen, Jennifer Jutte, Michael Kelly, Brian Knight, Joseph Kocot, Kimberly Landry, Jillian Lawson, Jacqueline LeGrand, Joshua Lewin, Sarah Leydon, Matthew Ligenza, Katie Ludwig, Denis Marchetto, Desiree Marsili, Brian McGuire, Kristina Midura, Adrian Misiak, Rebecca Morytko, Melissa Nahajlo, Stephen Nascimbeni.

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Important Meeting For Sixth-Grade Travelers

There will be a mandatory meeting for the students going on the Washington, D.C. trip in April and their parents on **Wednesday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria of the Agawam Middle School.

Please make every effort to attend, as room assignments and meal choices will be made at this meeting. Other items to be discussed will include what to expect, what to pack, spending money, and student behavior.

A chaperones' meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at 43 Janelle Drive.

Trip Coordinator Rachel Thomas stated, "My thanks go out to Kathy Rose of Coldwell Banker Real Estate on Main Street, Agawam, who volunteered to sell candy to benefit the trip."

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The online application process allows a person to review course offerings through the STCC website. This method makes it more convenient for parents to help high school students with the application process.

Applications Available From Agawam Early Childhood Center

The Agawam Early Childhood Center is now taking applications for the 2000-2001 school year. This center is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Any interested parent of a three- or four-year-old child should contact the Early Childhood Center at 789-2976 for an application for the Agawam Public Schools' pre-school program.

Children must be a resident of Agawam/Feeding Hills.

Local Students Named To Honor Roll At St. Mary's, Longmeadow

The following local students have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter at St. Mary's School in Longmeadow.

High Honors: Thomas DeCosmo (grade 7); Michael Prsby (grade 6); Brielle Beaudette (grade 5).

Honors: Jillian Joyce (grade 7); Cathryn Joyce (grade 6).

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Sports

Brownies Bow 46-22...

Ludlow Matmen Show Off Iron In Win Over AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

You have to admit, the Ludlow High wrestling team wears its Western Mass. wrestling crown well — a little theatrical, but well, nevertheless.

Ludlow's 46-22 win over visiting Agawam High last week proved the point. The lights in the packed Lion gym suddenly didn't just dim before the match — they faded to black. Talk about dark. You couldn't find your cell phone with both hands. And someone could have lifted your laptop and you'd never have known it.

Then spotlights, glowing different hues of red, green, and white, flashed on the Ludlow team just as it appeared to conduct its warm-ups while being washed by the lights. It was good theatre.

With the win, Ludlow finished its regular season at 9-0 and 18-2 to be ranked number one in Western Massachusetts. They also took their fourth straight "A" Division title. Agawam ended its regular season with an 8-1, 9-4 slate, good for a number-two ranking.

Both clubs, at this writing, are getting ready for the Western Mass. Tournament, to be held this Friday and Saturday (February 11th and 12th) at East Longmeadow High School.

Ludlow would have to be considered the favorite in that one to defend its 1999 title. Agawam however, could be the dark horse. They lost by only a half-point last year to the Lions. This year, the Brownies have some good ones among the top four seeds in seven of the 14 weight classes. They include: Eric Hogan at number two in the 112's; Dave Moore, number one in the 119's; Luke Cardone, number four in the 130's; Aaron Gilbert, number two in the 135's; Matt Quirk, number two in the 152's; Kevin Grealis, number four in the 160's; and Eric Pedersen, number four in the 189's.

Going back to AHS's trip to the Lions' den last week, the wrestling was even better than the aforementioned light show. At least it was for the Brownies, until the roof caved in on them after the 162's.

Agawam started out losing, 9-1 in the 103's before All-Western Mass. competitor Eric Hogan got the win back in the 112's.

Both kids in that one stalked each other for most of the first period. Hogan then shot and got some riding time to lead 2-0 going into the second two minutes. They started from the neutral position, and Hogan got two more on a takedown to build a 4-0 lead.

Hogan went ahead, 6-0 in the third on a nice reversal to lead, 6-0. Hogan, up 6-1 with a minute left in the match, shot for two more points. A Ludlow escape made it 8-2 with time running down. Hogan wrapped it up with 11 seconds left on another takedown and went on to win it, 11-2. The team match was tied at four apiece.

Freshman Andy Korney, down 4-1 in the 119's, was pinned with six seconds left in the second period and the Lions were back on top, 10-4.

Then it was time for two-time All-Western Mass. standout Dave Moore in the 125's. Moore (pound for pound one of the best schoolboys in the business and a huge favorite for his third All-Western Mass. crowd this weekend) led, 2-0 after the first period.

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In Local Schoolboy Basketball Action...

Mike Martin Of Agawam Scores 1,000th Career Point For Cathedral

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Remember Mike Martin of Feeding Hills, that strapping freshman who played for Agawam High four years ago? He was being groomed as the quarterback and power forward of the future, whose great talents would certainly have been welcomed in both sports.

Well, we all know the story. Mike headed to Cathedral in his sophomore season and ended up reaching great heights for the Panthers - All-Western Mass. in football two years in a row and an All-Western Mass. nod in his junior season of hoops, with another no doubt coming at the end of this season.

One reason he'll get the selection will be the fact that against Sci-Tech last week, the 6'4" Martin got his 1,000th career point, popping in 35 to stand at 1,046 for his career.

"I needed 23 (points) going into the game. My teammates kept feeding me and I had a pretty good shooting night, so it all came together," the former Brownie smiled. He got number 1,000 with a three-point pop midway through the second half. He scored 23 more in the Panthers' 78-60 win over Putnam Tuesday evening, bringing his point total this season to 308 and 1,069 for his career.

Leading The Valley League

Considering Mike is leading the Valley League in scoring (20.4) for the 14-1 Panthers (5-0 in league play) and has five games to go, he could conceivably end up with a total of 1,169. And that's not counting more 35-point games like the one against the Cyber Cats.

"Yeah, I had a good feeling that the 1,000 (points) was just a matter of time. It's a nice accomplishment," he said.

The Panthers are looking for the top seed in the upcoming playoffs. "If we win the rest of our games, it could happen," he noted.

Mike will be headed to Brown University next fall on a basketball scholarship. According to the coaches there, he'll get every opportunity to win a starting job. "They told me it's a very good possibility. I'll just have to work hard to make it happen," he said.

Will there be football in the future for the combination quarterback and defensive back? "No. Football is out. It's just basketball for me," he said.

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MIKE MARTIN, who scored his 1,000th on a three-pointer.

Does he miss AHS? "In a way, I still have a lot of friends in town. You know, kids I played with who I see a lot. But Cathedral has been very enjoyable," he admitted.

He is the son of Mike and Kate Martin.

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Varsity Hockey Vs Chicopee Comp...

History Repeats Itself — Brownies Once Again Easily Defeat The Colts, 11-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High had a fairly easy time of it against Chicopee Comp last Thursday evening, February 3rd, whipping the Colts, 11-1. It came as no surprise, considering that two games earlier, they topped the Colts, 9-1.

The Brownies then traveled to Pittsfield's Boys and Girls Club last Saturday for a game against the Pittsfield High Generals and came away with a frustrating 4-3 loss. The first period was scoreless. Agawam went up, 3-2, in the second on goals by Tony LeClair, John Tisdell, and Mike Kosinski.

However, Pittsfield managed two in the third for the victory. The loss was particularly aggravating for the Brownies, because it ran their record to 10-5 overall and 8-2 in the Fay Division. The Brownies, already in the playoffs, could see their seeding in the upcoming tournament affected by the loss.

Brownies Get Out Early

Against Comp, the Brownies got out early in this one. LeClair scored 1:10 into the game, walking in off the left wing for his unassisted goal. It didn't take the Brownies long to light the lamp again. Jason Malanson did the deed, on an unassisted backhand from 10 feet in front for a 2-0 Agawam lead. They had two shots on the Colts' net and two scores just like that.

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Moore had a pin opportunity with 1:20 left in the second, but just couldn't put his Lion opponent away. And it was still 2-0, Moore going into the final two minutes. Moore grabbed an additional two points with 35 seconds left and went up, 4-0. That's how it ended against a tougher Ludlow opponent than perhaps the Brownie expected. Be that as it may, Ludlow only led 10-7 at that point.

Luke Cardone was up in the 130's. The Agawam junior went down, 2-0 after two minutes, bridging out of a possible pin situation with 10 seconds left. Ludlow's Felipe Barroso was sticking to the Brownie like flypaper. But Cardone, wrestling defensively, managed to fend off any more Lion points and it was 2-0, Ludlow going into the final period.

Cardone had a chance with 37 seconds left, spinning into a pin situation. But Barroso was close enough to the side of the circle to crawl out of bounds. Then, with 20 seconds to go, a Lion takedown sealed things. The 4-0 win gave the hosts a 13-7 lead going into the 135's.

Aaron Gilbert took the mat for Agawam. It didn't take the Brownie junior long to take care of business. Leading 2-0 early, he got the pinfall with 44 seconds off the clock. Gilbert's effort tied things at 13.

Corey Federico, despite some spirited wrestling, didn't quite have the gas to take it all the way in the 140's. He went down 2-0 early against the Lions' Jay Coddling, but fought back in the second on an escape to trail 2-1 after two periods.

A Coddling takedown and a Federico escape made it 4-3, Ludlow with 45 seconds left in the match. Federico had a takedown opportunity with 20 seconds left. But Coddling managed an escape to take a 5-3 lead, where it would stay until the buzzer.

Down 16-13 and still very much in this one, Brandon Blackak came up in the 145's. The Brownie senior got two points early. After a Ludlow reverse for two, Blackak executed a reverse and an escape to gather up three more points, taking a 5-2 lead into the second period. Neither wrestler could score in that period. Blackak led, 5-2 going into the final two minutes.

An escape by the Brownie and a pin effort saw him pile on more points for an 8-2 victory, tying things at 16-all.

Matt Quirk, in the 152's, had probably the most exciting match for the Brownies on the evening. A takedown by Quirk, a Ludlow escape, and a reverse by the Brownie senior had it, 4-2 Agawam, after one. Quirk executed a takedown with 15 seconds gone in the second for a 6-2 lead. Then disaster almost struck.

Quirk found himself within a heartbeat of being pinned with 1:15 to go. Somehow, he fought his way out of it, but gave away five points in the process, to trail 7-6 going into the final period. With his opponent up, 8-6 with 40 seconds gone in the third, Quirk went for the pin. In what was a big turnaround, he got it with 52 seconds left. Quirk's outstanding performance gave Agawam a 22-16 lead.

Then, as we said, the roof fell in. Ludlow, behind its excellent upper-weight kids, managed five straight pins (from the 160's to the heavies) for 30 points and the victory.

Agawam was just too quick and more aggressive than Comp, though the Colts circled the wagon and tried to stay with AHS. Dave Gusek made it 3-0 on a shot in front with 6:12 left in the first period. He was assisted by LeClair.

Comp finally got off its first shot with 40 seconds left in the period. Freshman Brownie keeper Ryan Zaczynski (15 saves) had no trouble stopping the drive from the right point. Agawam came right back off that save for a big break up ice for another score 10 seconds later on an unassisted effort 30 feet on the right side off the stick of Dennis Wolters. The first 15 minutes would end with Agawam up, 4-0.

The second period saw the line of Gusek, Jason Malanson, and Mike Kosinski up front, with Mike Peetros and Jason Callahan on defense. The Brownies attacked early with Jeremy Malanson scoring unassisted at the 3:10 mark.

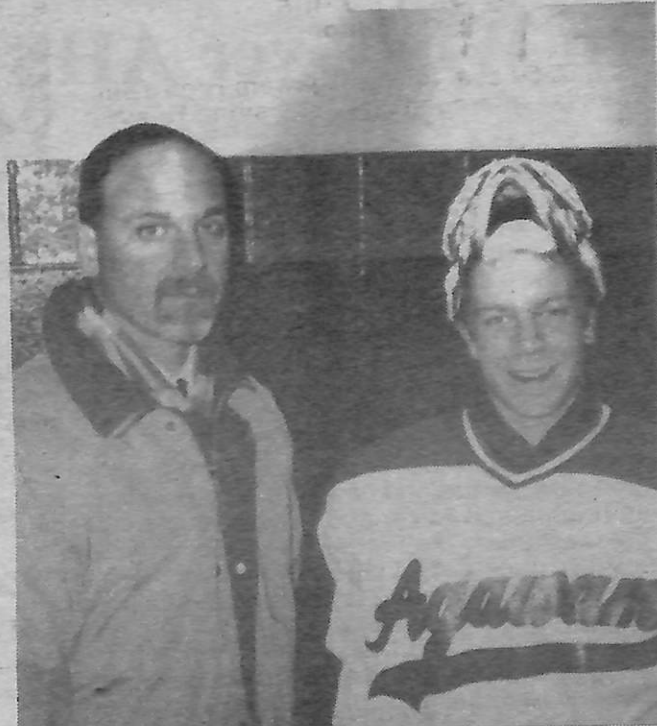
Locals Not About To Let Up

Agawam was not about to let up. Tisdell, LeClair, Brian Gilhooly, Joe Case, and Gusek were all over the Comp net like a rash when Gusek got his second goal of the game with 9:20 left on an assist by LeClair, making it 6-0, Brownies.

Less than three minutes later, it was 7-0, Agawam, on a score by Kosinski off a Jason Malanson assist. Comp was still having trouble getting off a shot, mostly because of the smothering, poke-checking Agawam defense, led by Jason Callahan and Peetros.

Jason Malanson was on the fly with 2:35 to go. His shot was stopped, but the rebound off the stick of Peetros found the net and it was 8-0, Agawam. Jason Malanson and Callahan were credited with assists.

There were two minutes to play when Kosinski scored his second goal of the game with an assist from Jason Malanson and Agawam led, 9-0. One minute later, Wolters made it 10-0, Agawam, with his second score of the game. There were no



JOHN CIRELLI, AHS's varsity hockey coach, with freshman goalie Ryan Zaczynski.

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assists.

The second period ended and the third began in running time because of the lopsided score. Agawam's final goal would come with 6:34 gone. Comp would answer with one after that. Agawam poured 47 shots on the Colts' net.

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Swimming Vs Holyoke Catholic...

Girls Fall To Gaels, 96-72; Boys Win, 89-23

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was a 50-50 deal for the Agawam High swimmers Tuesday afternoon against visiting Holyoke Catholic.

In their regular season finale, the girls lost to the Gaels, 96-72, bringing their record to 5-7 overall and 5-5 in Division B. The boys, on the other hand, won, 89-23, to finish up 5-7 and 5-5.

Some of the key races for the girls in the first half of the meet included the 200 free, where junior Katie Gallagher led all the way for the win. In the 200 individual medley, Rachael Morris took third. Freshman Brittany Theriaque came in fourth.

The 50 free, swimming's drag race, saw Christina O'Brien come in a strong second. Steph Harnois took fourth. Kyleigh Egan swam fifth.

The first half saw the boys do well. The team of Nate Adamski, Dave Torrey, Paul Lagasse, and Dan Adamski finished first. Brian Borkosky swam strong for a first in the 200 free, leading from the gun. Teammate Colin Murray came in second, several lengths behind Murray.

Dave Torrey had only one Gael against him in the 200 IM. Torrey, who trailed early, made the effort, but finished second by three-quarters of a pool length.

Agawam swept the 50 free. Sophomore Paul Lagasse took first. Nate Adamski was a close second and Matt Francis swam in the show position.

After that event, which usually leads to the diving competition, the Brownie girls were up, 37-24. The boys enjoyed a 35-11 edge.

The diving, which might have helped the girls in the end, never happened. The board turned out to be broken (something about the bolts holding the back end down). Brownie Coach Chris Johnson wasn't too happy about the lack of maintenance of the diving board. "I'm not saying the girls would have won because of diving. But they could have picked up 13 points. And, who knows?" he pointed out.

The second half saw the girls slowly lose their lead, even though they did well in several events. Junior Shannon Costa took the lead early in the 100 fly and finished first. Gallagher was third. Kaitlin Morris came in fourth.

Freshman Daveen Macsata was second all the way in the 100 free. Egan managed a fifth, and sophomore April Rondeau was sixth in the six-swimmer field.

The grueling 500 free style saw Shannon Costa come in second. Lisa Niedziela was third. Gallagher took a fifth. The girls were having trouble grabbing the first place spots, where the big points were.

The 200 free relay had the Brownies just miss the top spot again. O'Brien, Kunkler, Rachel Morris, and Egan swam to a second-place finish. Holyoke Catholic took the first and third spots.

O'Brien was first after 25, 50, and 75 yards in the 100 backstroke and just held on to win that event. Macsata took fourth. Second and third place points went to the Gaels.

Lauren Kunkler, a diving specialist, had a second-place finish in the 100 breast stroke. Junior Adrienne Major finished fourth. Sophomore Emily Morton was fifth.

Rachel Morris, O'Brien, Macsata, and Costa showed well in the 400 free relay with a second place finish. They led until the 200 meter mark. Niedziela, Theriaque, Morton, and Gallagher came in third.

On the boys' side in the second half, they found themselves (because of Catholic's numbers) racing many times as the only ones in the water. Nate Adamski, swimming alone, turned in a 1:16.53 in the 100 fly.

They swept the 100 free, with Lagasse first, Borkosky second, and Matt Francis third. That performance helped their point total.

Dan Adamski finished first in the 500 free against a lone Gael. Francis, Murray, Torrey, and Borkosky were the only swimmers in the 200 free relay, thus picking up the first-place points. Nate Adamski, swimming against himself, took the points in the 100 back stroke. Murray was second in the 100 breast. Torrey took a fifth. Borkosky, Nate Adamski, Dan Adamski, and Lagasse swam against the clock in the 400 free relay.

"I'm very proud of the way these kids toughed it out this year. Our diving was excellent. We won some meets we had to win," Johnson said of his two teams.

Next up for the two teams will be the Western Mass. Tournament.



CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (center), the coach of Agawam High School's boys' and girls' swim teams, with this season's captains (from left to right): Brian Borkosky, Nate Adamski, Lauren Kunkler, and Lisa Niedziela. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Profile...

Lauren Kunkler Specializes In Diving For AHS's Girls' Swim Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Lauren Kunkler is a mainstay of the Agawam High girls' swim team, specializing in diving. The senior took some time out to talk about her experience at AHS.

She is 17. Her birthday is August 7th. Lauren has spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School.

Currently, she is taking English 12, integrated math, AP biology, psychology, child development, entrepreneurship, pottery, and gym. Lauren is a member of the honor roll and the Renaissance Club. She is also on the Prom Committee and a member of the student organization S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Environment).

AP biology is her favorite course.

Richard Joseph (biology) is her top teacher.

She has applied to a couple of colleges - the University of Rhode Island and the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York. She is looking right now at a career in medicine.

Besides swimming, she also participates in track (pole vault). Her favorite sport is swimming (diving), which she has done since she was a sophomore.

Her most memorable sports moment was qualifying for the Western Mass. Meet as a junior last year. Lauren also made it this year as well.

"We've worked hard. Our start was a little rough with some "A" Division teams on the schedule. But things are working out now," she said of the girls' team, which at this writing, is 5-6 overall and 5-4 in the "B" Division.

Lauren is a vegetarian. Her favorite food is a

veggieburger.

Blue is her color of choice.

A Corvette convertible or a Tacoma truck would be Lauren's choice in wheels.

Coffeeshouses featuring good music are the places she likes to visit for relaxation.

Clean, neat, and comfortable is the way she dresses. She gets her duds at places like American Eagle and Old Navy.

Country music is her choice in tunes. She says her favorite group is the Dixie Chicks.

"The Simpsons" and "Ever After" are the TV show and movie, respectively, she likes the most.

Marie is her mom. Dennis is her dad. Lauren has two brothers; Lee, 19, who attends Utica College, and Steve, 15, a wrestler. Lee also wrestled at AHS.

Her best friend, lacrosse player Shauna Suffriti, is the person she looks up to.

She would like to be remembered when her days as a Brownie are done as easy-going and fun-loving.

According to Coach Chris Johnson, "Lauren is an outstanding team leader and one of our captains. One thing about her that stands out for me is her great progress in diving."

"She started out for us two years ago without ever having done much of it and improved so



LAUREN KUNKLER

much she has made it all the way to a spot in the Western Mass. Tournament. She also won some key breast stroke matches for us this year," he said.

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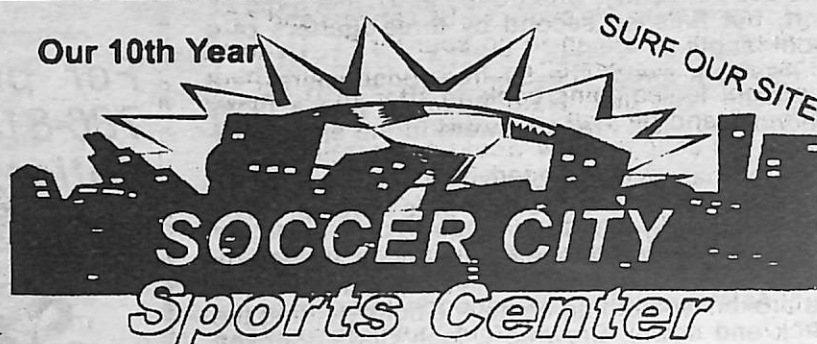
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Girls' Hoop Vs Longmeadow...

Underdog AHS Falls 52-36 To The Lancers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There was no doubt in the minds of the faithful that the Agawam High girls, on the road at Longmeadow High, were going to be definite underdogs to the Lancers. Add to the mix that senior guard Kate Shannon would not play because of the flu, and the picture became truly bleak. Indeed, Agawam fell 52-36.

The Lancers, unbeaten at 15-0 (3-0 in the Valley Wheel), showed their power down low in the form of senior Marisa Moseley (10 points, 12 rebounds) and outside, courtesy of sophomore Brittney Rothweiler (14 points, including four three-pointers). The Valley Wheel's leading scorer, point guard Molly Dullea (15.4), would have 14 in this one, but seemed to be everywhere.

Agawam started out in its very active zone defense. The Lancers would go with a man-to-man for the entire game. The Brownies, with junior Keegan Clark starting in place of Shannon, struck first on a trey by junior point guard Jill Gendron (15 points). Gendron would have Agawam's first five points. The Brownies, with good ball movement and Clark and senior guard Sheri Benton doubling the ball on defense, led 9-8 with 4:49 gone.

A Lancer three put the hosts up, 11-9, with five minutes off the clock. Benton drained a deuce and it was 11-all 30 seconds later. To that point, the Brownies were holding their own, shooting 5-8 from the field, with a three. Longmeadow came in at 4-10, also with a three.

However, with the score 13-12, Lancers and 7:57 to play, things began to go sour for the visitors. Moseley, using her size and strength all game long, got fouled going back up after an offensive rebound and hit both free throws. That made it 15-12 and Longmeadow would never trail again.

A Fast-Paced Game...

The game was fast-paced. Longmeadow led, 18-14, with six minutes left and 20-14 a minute later. Junior guard Liz Stieg hit one of two charity shots to make it 20-15, Longmeadow, with 4:06 left. A Lancer three, 30 seconds later, saw the hosts go up, 23-15. At that point, they were shooting 3-5 in the way downtown department.

Gendron, who would have nine first-half points, dropped a deuce to bring the Brownies to within six, 23-17, at the 1:44 mark. Both teams were gunning. The Lancers were 9-20 and Agawam was 7-24 in the field goal department with 1:25 to play.

Longmeadow was up 25-17 at the 1:06 mark when Stieg drained a three, closing the gap to 25-20, where it would stay until the intermission.

Agawam was by no means out of it when the second 16 minutes commenced. Gendron hit a deuce in the lane with 50 seconds gone and the Brownies were threatening, 25-22. Then, in a span of two minutes, the Lancers went on a 9-0 run and stretched their lead to 34-22. With 5:15 gone, Agawam was ice cold from the field (1-7). Longmeadow, not that much better, was 4-10.

The Lancers began to press at that point. Agawam, without the ball-handling help Shannon can provide on offense, was having trouble getting the ball up-court. With 8:24 to play, the frustrated Brownies still had only one field goal. However, down 36-22, three straight hoops by senior Jen Lyman, Gendron, and freshman forward Vicki Taylor saw Agawam make an attempt to get back into it. The six-point run shrank the score to 36-28, Longmeadow.

The Lancers, 1-6 before the Agawam outburst, managed a deuce, to lead by 10. Coach Lou Conte, not wanting to see his team's momentum wither away, called a timeout.

The Game Was Ultimately Decided...

The game was ultimately decided when they resumed play. It all happened in a hurry. Longmeadow went into its full-court, man-to-man press again and hit two off a Brownie turnover. (Agawam would give up 10 points off 11 turnovers in the second half.) Taylor then drained two hoops in a row and it was 40-32. Longmeadow really hurt the visitors then, as Rothweiler hit two threes in a row for a 46-32 Lancer lead. Conte quickly called for another time-out at the 3:44 mark. At that point, his club was shooting 6-11, while Longmeadow was 9-19.

Whatever strategy the gifted Brownie coach dispatched to his kids didn't work, and it was 52-34, Lancers with 32 seconds left in the game. Agawam's final two points came on two Laura

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Bucalo free throws as time ran out.

The loss saw the Brownies fall to 10-6 and 1-3 in the Valley Wheel.

Conte stressed the positive afterwards: "We rebounded well against a big, tough team." Then he addressed the absence of Shannon: "Kate is an excellent defensive player; sure we missed her."

The Brownies have some time off now to contemplate things, not playing again until they travel to Minnechaug Regional on Tuesday, February 15th, where it certainly won't get any easier.

BROWNIE INDIVIDUAL STATS: Gendron — 15 points (7-14 FGS), 1-4, 3 pointers, 2 REBS, 1 OFF; Clark — 2 points (1-3 FGS), 5 REBS, 2 OFF; Lyman — 5 points (2-3 FGS), (1-2 FTS), 2 REBS, 1 OFF;

Benton — 2 points (1-5 FGS), 7 REBS, 2 OFF; Stieg — 4 points (1-6 FGS, 3 pointer), (1-2 FTS), 2 REBS; Shea — 0 points (0-1 FGS); Taylor — 6 points (3-7 FGS), 2 REBS; Bucalo — 2 points (0-5 FGS), (2-2 FTS), 5 REBS, 1 OFF.

TEAM: 14-44 FGS (31%), 4-6 FTS (66%), 3 PTS — 2-6 (33%), 25 REBS, 7 OFF, 17 turnovers, points allowed off T.O.'s — 10.

LONGMEADOW TEAM: 21-47 FGS (44%), 4-7 FTS (57%), 3 PTS, 6-9 (66%), 19 rebounds, 4 OFF, 8 turnovers, points allowed off T.O.'s — 4.

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JV NOTES: The Brownie JV's lost to the young Lancers, 28-19. Freshman Erin McLane had six points. Freshman Nick Gutowski chipped in with four.

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FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND:

* **Kids' Club/Pizza Party.** Cost: \$10 per child (limit 25). Grades 1-6, Agawam Junior High, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.: Drop-off children in cafeteria.

9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.: Gym activities.

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: Movie.

12:15 p.m.: Lunch (cheese pizza and a drink will be provided).

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.: Swimming — all participants must swim or stay in the pool area during this time.

2:15 p.m.: Snack (a snack and drink will be provided).

2:20 to 3:00 p.m.: Coloring/pick up children in the cafeteria.

* **Open Swim:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Free to all Agawam residents during the vacation week. Anyone under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD:

* **Ski Trip to Bousquet Ski Area in Pittsfield, MA:** A day trip for skiing/snowboarding. Bus leaves AHS back parking lot by the Recreation Office at 8:00 a.m.; skiing from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; bus leaves Bousquet at 2:45 p.m.; and bus returns to AHS at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$30 for bus and lift ticket; \$40 for bus, lift ticket, and rental of skis/snowboards; \$40 for bus, lift ticket, and skiing/snowboarding lesson; or \$50 for bus, lift ticket, rental of skis/snowboards, and skiing/snowboarding lesson.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult, and registration is now taking place in the Recreation Office.

A minimum of 30 people is required for this program to run, and registration will be limited to the first 44 registrants. If the program is cancelled by the Recreation Department, a full refund will be given to all registered participants. Anyone who cancels prior to February 18th will be given a full refund (minus a \$15 fee). No refunds will be given after February 18th.

Lunch is not included, and the bus will not stop for food. Food should be packed or purchased at Bousquet. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on the bus.

As stated earlier, skis or snowboards can be rented. Group lessons will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last for one hour.

Call the Recreation Department at 821-0513 or 821-0514 for more information.

* **Open Gym:** Grades 5-8, Agawam Junior High. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

* **Open Swim:** Anyone under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

* **Open Gym:** Grades 9-12, Agawam Junior High. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The cafeteria will be open from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to bring their own brown bag lunch. No food or drink will be provided.

Reminder: Open Swim and Open Gyms are free to all Agawam residents during the vacation week. Proof of grade is required to participate in the Open Gym time on Wednesday, February 23rd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH:

* **Kids' Club/Games & Lanes.** Cost: \$10 per child (limit 25). Grades 1-6, Agawam Junior High, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.: Drop-off children in cafeteria.

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Gym activities.

10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.: Movie.

11:45 a.m.: Lunch. (Children must bring their own brown bag lunch. No food or drink will be provided.)

12:30 p.m.: Board bus for Games & Lanes.

2:30 p.m.: Pick up children at Games & Lanes.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH:

* **Boston Aquarium Trip.** Cost: \$20 per person (limit 25).

9:00 a.m.: Bus departs from AHS parking lot.

10:30 a.m.: Snack on bus prior to Aquarium.

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Visit Aquarium.

1:30 p.m.: Lunch on bus.

3:00 p.m.: Return to AHS parking lot for pick-up.

Please bring a snack, a lunch, and a drink.

Registration for the Kids' Clubs and Boston trip begins on Monday,

February 14th, and ends on Friday, Feb 18th.

All registrations must be done in person at the Recreation Office (located in the rear of the Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Cold Weather, Hot Action...

Valley ice fishermen cashed in on some hot perch and crappie action over the past week. Not only did Mother Nature provide some safe ice, she also turned on some of the fish.

Reports coming in indicated that areas like the Oxbow section of the Connecticut River were producing some good catches of perch and crappie. In addition to the perch and crappies, rumor has it that some respectable northern pike were iced at the Oxbow.

Large shiners or small yellow perch were said to do the trick. A few hefty bass were taken by both shiner fishermen and jiggers.

Other Valley locations that have produced some nice bass include the Congamond Lakes, Hampton Ponds, and Five-Mile Pond in Springfield.

Onota Lake in Pittsfield is rumored to be producing some nice fish as of recent reports.

Regardless of where you are fishing, there are some things to keep in mind that will increase your chances for success.

Look for areas where the water deepens. Try to locate the drop-offs near points and bars. See if you can imagine the conditions in summer. Where were those weed beds? Wasn't there a hump somewhere close to this spot?

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CLUB NEWS...

The Mawaga Sporting Club has set the date for the Club's Annual Banquet. The March 31st event will, as always, be a good time. Tickets for the event are available for club members.

Fish and Game Committee chairman Ernie Leithoff is already finalizing plans for the year 2000 Lunker Derby. New levels of cash prizes and other enhancements (such as a free lunch instead of breakfast for the ticket-holders) should go a long way to insure not only a good turnout, but a great time for all attending.

More details to come in the following weeks.

Agawam Babe Ruth League Announces Sign-Up Schedule

The Agawam Babe Ruth League has scheduled the following sign-ups:

1. **February 12th** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in association with the Agawam Little League;

2. **February 13th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Springfield Street in association with the Sacred Heart Athletic Association;

3. **February 16th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Community Room in the Agawam Library on Cooper Street.

The fee is \$75. The League is for 13- to 15-year-olds. Any person who turns 13 before August 1, 2000, but has not turned 16 by the same date, is eligible to participate.

For further information, call John Debonville at 786-3588 or Bill Walsh at 786-7701.

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End Date: April 24, 2000.

Cost: \$125.

Registration: Begins February 14th at the Agawam Recreation Office (in the rear of the Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street).

For more information, please feel free to call the Recreation Office at 821-0513 or 821-0514.

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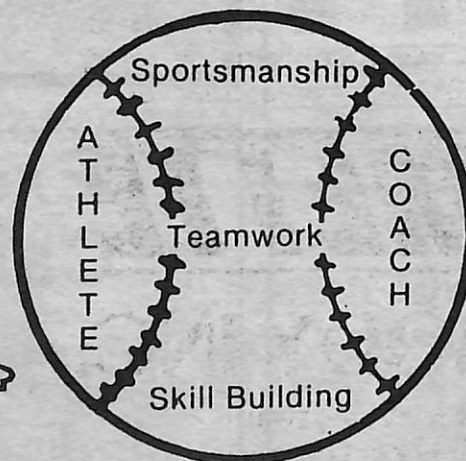
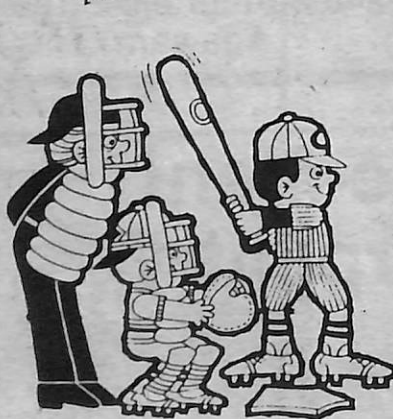
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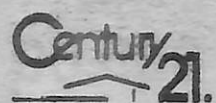
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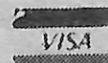
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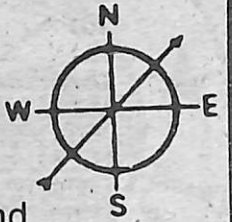


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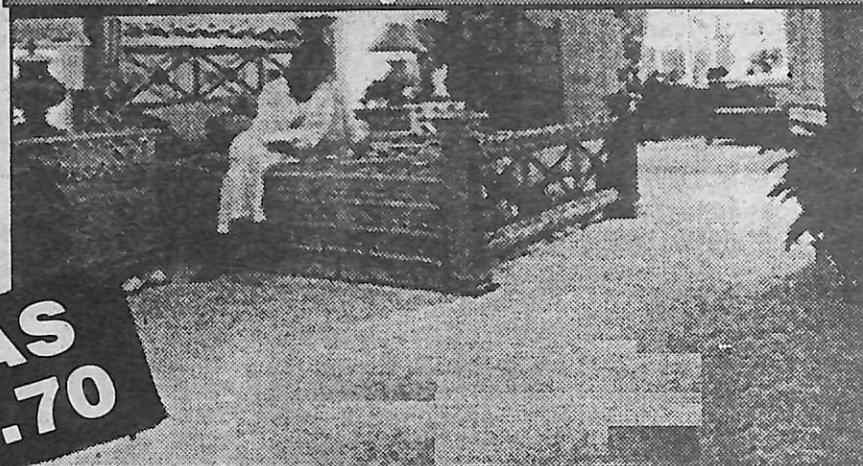
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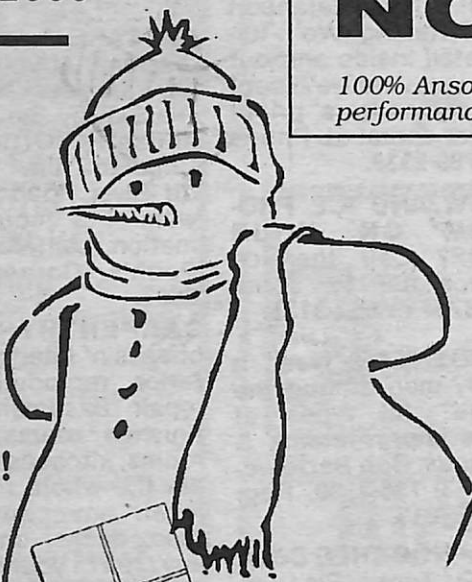
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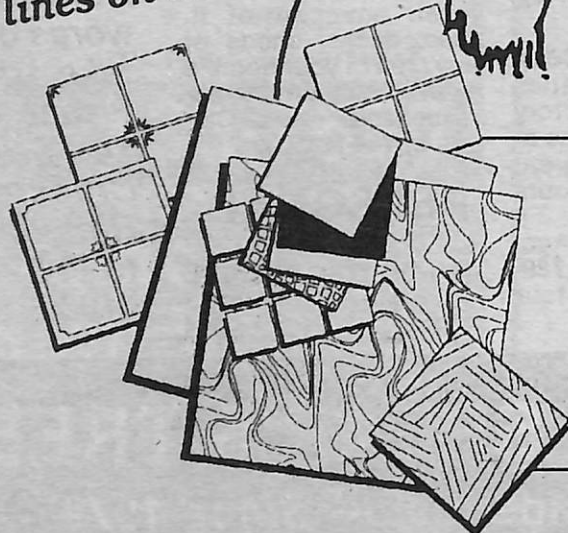


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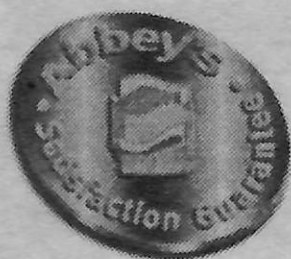
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